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A. L. GATEWOOD TO SPEAK  
ON MISS. RADIO HOUR



A. L. GATEWOOD

Rev. A. L. Gatewood, pastor of First Church, Itta Bena, will be the speaker of the Mississippi Radio Hour, Sunday afternoon, May 22, bringing the first of three consecutive messages. He will use as his theme "That Ye May Know Him." The Rev. Mr. Gatewood will be heard over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAL, Laurel; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; WJMB, Brookhaven; WNAG, Grenada.

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## SENATE PASSES FEDERAL AID-TO-EDUCATION BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A federal aid-to-education bill which leaves it up to the individual states to decide whether federal funds will be used for private schools was passed by the Senate and sent to the House. The vote was 58 to 15. (Editor's Note: This means that the money may be used to support parochial schools.)

The measure authorizes \$300,000,000 a year in grants to help the states pay for teachers' salaries and other school expenses.

Final passage of the bill came after a series of major amendments were defeated, including two directly related to the issue of Church and State.

An amendment submitted by Senator Forrest C. Donnell (R-Mo.) was defeated 71 to 3 on a roll call, with only Donnell and Senators Harry Cain (R-Wash.) and John McClenahan (D-Ark.) voting for it.

The other, defeated on a voice vote, was offered by Senator Brien McMahon (D-Conn.). It would have permitted the use of federal funds for school bus services for all children, whether they attended private or public schools.

## IF ONLY HE WERE PAID A JANITOR'S WAGE

By Dr. James L. Sullivan, Pastor  
Belmont Heights Baptist Church  
Nashville

The pastor had been asked to preach a Labor Day sermon. This was a new experience for him. He had preached sermons at Christmas time, on Mother's Day and at Thanksgiving. While these were not mandatory, he had taken advantage of the state of men's minds to get across special Christian messages.

All of his life he had been sympathetic toward labor. He had thought of its needs and its underprivileges, but preaching a Labor Day sermon... well, that had just never occurred to him. Preparation of the sermon set his mind into a channel of thought which had never occurred to him before, and remembering some of his long-neglected mathematical principles, he did a little simple arithmetic. The answer to his figuring made him stroke his brow.

He remembered the wages of the janitor of the church where he is pastor. This janitor is a Negro. His hours are limited to forty each week, with time and a half paid for overtime. He has had no special education to equip him for his task, but he is an excellent janitor, and there is certainly no criticism against the nature of the work he is doing.

But the jar of the preacher's life came when he discovered that the janitor's wage scale was actually better than his own.

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In education, this pastor had spent seventeen years in the classroom at an expenditure of thousands of dollars. His investments in books also ran into the thousands—necessary

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## Need For Relief Continues Great Among European Refugees

By MARJORIE E. MOORE

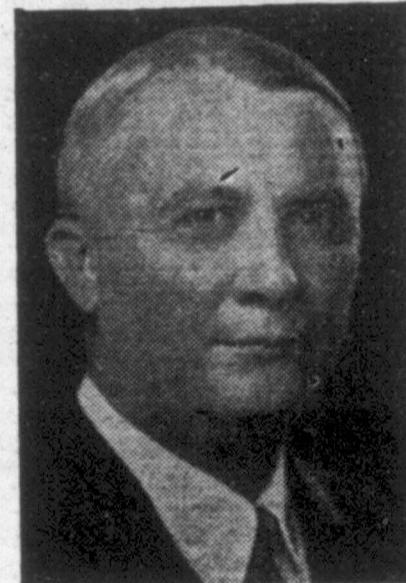
RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—Steadily diminishing income for relief, over against an appeal from European Representative Jesse D. Franks for help in meeting new needs, was the problem faced by the Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its April meeting.

"It looks like we'll soon have to close up shop," L. Howard Jenkins, the chairman, said after hearing the treasurer's report for receipts for the first three months of 1949. "We can't do relief business without funds."

Yet letters from missionaries in China, Japan, Israel, and Europe arrive every week expressing unlimited gratitude for bales of clothing from

## SB Convention Hears Annual Sermon By Dr. Norman W. Cox

BALCONY SITTERS IS SUBJECT—FIRST STATE PASTOR  
IN 50 YEARS TO PREACH CONVENTION SERMON



DR. NORMAN W. COX

A SEAT IN THE BALCONY was the subject of the annual sermon preached by Dr. Norman W. Cox, pastor of the First Church, Meridian, before a great throng at Municipal Auditorium in Oklahoma City at the opening session on Wednesday morning May 18.

Dr. Cox is the first Mississippi pastor to be honored as Convention preacher in 50 years.

Naming some balcony sitters as Pouters, the Tired, Part-Timers, Perpetual Loafers, and Best People, Dr. Cox urged all Balcony Sitters to come down and take an active part in the world's greatest business.

For the sake of those who could not attend the Convention, the Baptist Record is reproducing the major part of Dr. Cox's sermon. The sermon follows:

### A SEAT IN THE BALCONY

By Dr. Norman W. Cox, Pastor  
First Church, Meridian

Text: "Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them!" (Jeremiah 9:1-2)

Jeremiah did not want to be a prophet, but the windows of his soul were open to the leadership of God's spirit. He saw that Judah was in scornful rebellion against the word and will of God. Strong enemies from without were threatening the security of his nation. Within, the termites of idolatry, selfishness, and the vain delusions of social follies, coupled with unbelief, were undermining the structure of his nation's security. His soul yearned for a revival that would bring the people into fellowship with God and would give them security within the fortress of Jehovah's sustaining grace. He longed for God to call some man to be a prophet whose preaching would stir the nation to repentance and set their feet in the paths that lead to a triumphant destiny.

Then it happened—on a day that he was surprised and frightened by the fact that God was calling him to be that prophet. He was by nature

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**MRS. CLARE BOOTHE LUCE**  
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mass meeting in the Municipal Auditorium, where thousands paid a large admission fee to hear this lady's views on God, and religion in general.

Much of what she said was not reported in the local press, therefore we will report here what was not made public.

She began by saying that she was not prepared. In referring to her lack of preparation she said, "I have read in the Bible that the Holy Spirit will help a person and tell them what to say at times like this. However, I tried that once and the Holy Spirit said to me, 'Huh! You darn fool.' She had before her a typewritten manuscript of over twenty pages and read from it from time to time.

**Mardi Gras Approved**

She said, "While I have never attended your Mardi Gras I like the spirit of gayety that it expresses. 'Holiday' comes from 'holy day' and this great Catholic city can well be proud of its Catholic heritage."

She told of a young girl who tried to join the Catholic Church in one day without preparation. When asked by the priest why, she said, "I am mad at my family and want to disgrace them."

**Race Question**

"We may not see the face of Jesus until we see His face in a colored man." She referred to the South as the "omelette circuit" in speaking of Henry Wallace. "Racial prejudice is the spiritual leprosy of America. We cannot cure ourselves but Christ can help us conquer it in our hearts."

**Interview Granted**

After the close of her address she answered the following questions in our interview with her:

"What was the outstanding thing that contributed most to your conversion to Catholicism?" I asked her.

Her reply, "The reading of the New Testament."

"Did you realize a 'born again' experience when you joined the Catholic Church?"

"No," she said. "I still have all the character and sinful nature that I had before becoming a Catholic but very definitely do I feel that I have a personal relationship to Christ."

"What is your attitude toward the Baptists?"

"As you people believe in the divinity of Christ we Catholics feel that while we have the whole pie you have a piece."

"Would you care to give a message to the six million Southern Baptists?"

"Yes, I feel that all who believe in the divinity of Christ and live their faith are fighting the battle of the world."

**Her Closing Statement**

It will be interesting to note that she concluded her public address by saying: "In the words of St. Augustine, 'Love God and go and do anything you will.'

My personal impression of Mrs. Luce was that she is charming, beautiful and very clever. Nevertheless, I do not feel that she knows what it is to be born into the kingdom of God by the "new birth" experience. She requested that I pray for her which I feel that all Southern Baptists will do. She represents a vast number of earnest seekers who have not found the answer in the bloodless Protestantism of our day. We as Baptists must reaffirm the great positive truths of our faith. Roman Catholicism appeals to people who do not have any-

**DAVID JENKINS ELECTED  
JONES COUNTY PRESIDENT  
OF CLARKE ALUMNI**



REV. DAVID JENKINS

NEWTON, Mississippi.—Rev. David Jenkins, Pastor of the Bethlehem Church, was elected President of the Clarke Memorial College Alumni Association of Jones County at the meeting held in the West Laurel Church on May 2. The 100 present represented eight churches.

Following special music by the Clarke College quartet, technicolor slides of the faculty, campus activities, buildings and grounds were shown. Dr. O. P. Moore, Alumni Secretary of the College outlined the future of the school.

Alumni of the college who are charter members of the newly-formed association are J. H. Street, Pastor, Second Avenue Church; David Jenkins, Pastor, Bethlehem Church; Mrs. David Jenkins; Rev. G. A. Smith; William Hearn, and Rev. Troy Prince, Pastor, First Church, Sharon.

Jones County students who are at present enrolled at Clarke College are Rev. and Mrs. John C. Hollifield, and J. D. Morrison Myrich Church; Robert Dyess, First Church, Sharon; Raymond Bishop, Roland Gatlin, and Thomas Hunt, West Laurel Church; Rebecca Chancellor, Bethlehem Church; and Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Hurst, Calvary Baptist Church.

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**HEPZIBAH CHURCH PLANS  
HOMECOMING DAY MAY 29**

**Dr. D. A. McCall Is Speaker**

Hepzibah Church has planned its annual Home-Coming Day for May 29. All former members and friends are expected to be present for the full program which has been planned.

Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary of Mississippi Baptists, will be the speaker for both morning and afternoon services.

Lunch will be served on the church grounds. A summary of the church's program will be presented during the afternoon.

Rev. Alvin R. Smith is the pastor.

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**FIRST CHURCH, DALLAS, RECEIVED 236 for baptism during a four weeks' revival.**

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tools if he were to succeed in his preaching from Sunday to Sunday.

Because of the scattered membership, pastoral calls, denominational committees and funerals, he drove his car an average of 2,500 miles a month—all of this, except fifty dollars which the church allowed, was at his own expense. Figuring the cost of car operation at six cents per mile, this means an expenditure of a hundred dollars per month out of his own salary to carry on the work of the church.

Too, there are many nights when he and his wife must both go to organizational meetings. When this situation arises, this means that a baby sitter must be secured at a cost of fifty cents per hour, and the average length of time away has thus far been three hours, or a cost of a dollar and fifty cents per night. This amount would not be missed from the family budget were it on rare occasions, but happening on an average of twice a week, it runs into a considerable cost in the course of a year.

Of course, the high expense of good clothes is also a considerable item, as every pastor knows. On the other hand the janitor has no children, operates no car. His bill is the cleaning of the white coats which the church has furnished him. Overalls underneath suffice. He brings a light lunch to the church when he comes to work, and his transportation bill both ways each day is twenty cents.

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Well, all that is background.

Here are the figures.

The hours spent in actual work of the church during a typical week were 104.

Here is where the mathematics comes in. He took the janitor's wage scale and applied it to his hours, and if he had been paid by the janitor's wage scale, he would actually have received as his salary for that week an increase of \$10 per week (or \$40 per month) over the amount which the church was paying him, and that does not count any of the expenditures which he had to make while he was doing the work of the church.

This fact came as a shock to the pastor. He would not complain for the world. In fact, if his salary were cut fifty per cent tomorrow he would not complain. The policy of his entire ministry has been to accept what the church pays and to live on it regardless of circumstances. He is not mercenary, and money is only a small item in his living; but if he were paid by the janitor's wage scale he and his family could have lived with greater ease in this world where all too much is topsy-turvy.

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That pastor has only one serious concern growing out of this revelation.

His real concern is for the many pastors in our Southern Baptist Convention who are serving churches in small towns or cities where the cost of living has skyrocketed and the pastor's salary has moved forward only at a snail's pace. He knows the pinch they are in.

(Editor's Note:—This timely article was written at the request of Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Director of Promotion and Associate Secretary of the Executive Committee of the S. B. C., who also kindly sent it to us. Baptist and Reflector is glad to publish it. Of course, the figuring in the case does not apply to some churches because

**Earl S. Bell To West Point  
To Direct Music, Education**

Rev. Earl S. Bell has been called as Minister of Music and Education by the First Church of West Point, Rev. Carey Cox pastor. He is a native of Lexington, Kentucky, and was educated at Georgetown College, Kentucky. At the present time he is pastor of the Parksville church of Parksville, Ky., and has had one year of experience as an Educational Director.

Mr. Bell should feel at home in Mississippi as he was converted in the church where the editor of the Baptist Record was formerly pastor and then lived in Danville, Ky., where a Mississippian, Rev. E. N. Wilkinson, was pastor and where a former assistant to the Baptist Record Editor, Miss Elizabeth Draughon, was Educational Director.

During his college days, Mr. Bell was a member of the college BSU and has spent several summers either as song leader at Clear Creek (Ky.) in the Youth Camps or in Youth Revival work. He is also the Regional Young People's Director both for the Sunday School and Training Union organizations.

On May 31 Mr. Bell is to marry an outstanding Christian girl, Miss Linda Overall of Lawrenceburg, Ky. Miss Overall is graduating from college this month and has majored in music.

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**NEED FOR RELIEF CONTINUES**

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keep pouring across the borders. They come from behind the iron curtain needing everything—food, clothing, medicine, work, and spiritual comfort."

Another needy group are the students, who need food, clothing, books, and scholarships, Dr. Franks wrote. "I am so glad that Southern Baptists are doing something really big and constructive in this field. In this group the churches have their most far-reaching opportunity, one which they dare not neglect."

Contributed goods of all kinds will be needed for at least another year, in the judgment of the leaders of relief projects who met recently for conferences. Dr. Franks expressed the opinion that "Southern Baptists again have shown up to good advantage here. New Orleans Center has been a great success. This service we should continue."

In conclusion the relief representative said, "Southern Baptists are in a peculiarly favorable position in Europe now to render a great spiritual service, sharing with our Baptist brethren the fellowship of service so richly inviting fields of evangelism, education, missions, and church construction. The churches and only the churches can enter this wide open door. This is no time for us to do less for relief; it is the time when we should begin to shift our emphasis from the largely physical to the definitely spiritual service of relief."

The committee authorized its director, Dr. George W. Sadler, to write Dr. Franks that the relief effort would be sustained so long as support for it from the Convention permitted the program.

they do not make better financial provisions for the janitor than for the pastor. But those to whom it does apply should earnestly ponder it.)

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## Mississippi Baptists—Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8



MR. LOUIS P. CASHMAN, SR.



MR. PAUL BARCLIFT

We are happy to present two of the finest friends and helpers we have had in the work in the persons of Mr. Louis P. Cashman and Mr. Paul Barclift of the Vicksburg Post. They with their helpers print the Baptist Record for us. We have not worked with anyone at any time that has been more cooperative. They seem to be happy in going out of the way in order to serve.

They have scored another victory for us in securing more newsprint. They certainly did not fail us during strenuous war days nor have they failed us since.

We are all indebted to them for the fine services they render.

We wish for them and their firm multiplied years in continued usefulness.

### SOUL WINNING

#### MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH!

Mississippi Baptists will be glad to know that for the first six months of this Convention year—November-April inclusive—they have registered a gain of \$5,000 in tithes and offerings for the work of Christ through the Cooperative Program. This gain is over the corresponding period for last year. Last year more was given through the Cooperative Program than ever before. All of which means that so far this year Mississippi Baptists have given more than ever before for all the work of Christ through the Cooperative Program. Doxology!

Mississippi Baptists will continue to go forward in the work of Christ. God created, saved, and needs His people to go forward. He put our eyes in the front of our heads. He set our toes forward. He made us so we may progress faster in going forward than in any other direction.

He said to the leader of His people in the long ago, "Speak to the people that they go forward." Exodus 14:15. Certainly God says the same thing to His people today.

"Go forward."

### SOUL WINNING

We ran down to Columbia, Open Door Baptist Church, Rev. John S. Trent, pastor, for a fine service Wednesday evening. This is a new church with a lovely building. Brother Trent is evangelistic in spirit, giving good leadership to the people. Other churches and pastors are helpful in their attitude to the new work. The congregation filled the house.

On Thursday 10:30 a. m.-3:30 p. m. we had another promotional meeting in the Baptist Building Prayer Room. Eight associations were represented. It was one of the best meetings held and we have had some good ones. Through these meetings we have reached over 200 of our pastors and around 200 laymen—men and women.

Brother W. P. Davis presented the evangelistic program in outline. Miss Lois Tyler talked on bookkeeping procedures.

In the afternoon we dealt with problems, records, finances, and procedures in administration.

We did not take records clandestinely secured and falsely used but records right off Convention Board books as kept and provided us by the Bookkeeping Department.

Friday afternoon we met in our office with a fine group from Neshoba Association. They are interested in enlarging their mission work. The committee was made up of Mr. T. O. Gully, Mr. W. D. Cole, Mr. E. S. Cole, and Mr. Arnold Deweese. Some of the most stalwart laymen we know are from this Association.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have been called upon to carry the load of three to five men in this work, we have stayed rather close upon procedures in

pearing in an audit, in the convention annual, in the convention bulletin, in the Baptist Record, or elsewhere, come first of all from our Bookkeeping Department if they are correct bookkeeping figures. The head bookkeeper being in charge of this department should know just about everything that happens in the department. If the bookkeeper does not know, she is still responsible. The books are kept locked in the vault or the safe at night and over week-ends and only two or three people know the combination. Only those in these offices plus the janitors have keys to these offices.

In office hours any and all records are open to the public. A person desiring records from his own church will get them at will. If he wants general records, we ask that more than one person, either another bookkeeper or preferably an office secretary, gladly give out such records along with the head bookkeeper. The reason for this is to guard against mis-statements and incorrect information.

When we came into this work we found records in part in good shape. We found some glaring, and we think inexcusable weaknesses. For instance, Baptist Record financial records were poorly kept. Later we had set up a set of Baptist Record books for proper auditing. Second, only the Executive Secretary signed checks. That meant when we were out on an extended field trip, signed but unfilled out checks were left in the office. We recall leaving 48 such checks at one time. Any business man knows that to be a bad practice. Yet the Executive Committee turned us down cold the first time we asked that another person be allowed to sign checks. We usually accept as final the findings of the Executive Committee and the Convention Board but this was a vital matter. We courteously mentioned it months later and they agreed for an office secretary to sign checks. There was a suggestion from within the building that a bookkeeper sign checks but we felt that one department should write out the checks and another department should sign the checks. We still feel that way. All parties concerned are properly bonded. Third, receipt forms were loose and not numbered. Anyone could have picked up a receipt form, filled it out, and it would have been difficult to trace, impossible under some circumstances. With the authorization of the Executive Committee we instituted a volume of perforated sheets, several checks to the page, and a carbon copy kept permanently bound. With the serial number, a receipt may be located almost at the snap of the finger. That is good business! The first receipt, No. 1, was issued on January 2, 1943, to New Montpelier Church, Clay Association.

Fourth, the Bookkeeping Department handles all the money and writes all the checks. We doubt if the Executive Secretary handles as much as one cent of each dollar coming to the office. We practiced in the pastorate two persons counting the money. We instituted that practice here. One bookkeeper checking against the other as the mail is opened. Now we have our senior office secretary doing this along with the head bookkeeper. It was not that we wanted to doubt anybody, but tremendous amounts of money are involved, the honor and reputation of workers and the work are involved. We wanted it "air tight." We wanted to be able to speak with conviction as we met with the people.

We told, and that before living witnesses, both the past bookkeeper and the present bookkeeper that if under the tremendous pressure of this office we gave instructions for an entry in receipts, disbursements, or expenses that made for poor bookkeeping or was incorrect in nature for that bookkeeper to come to us with such information. We further said that if we did not get together in

the matter we would go before the Executive Committee with the matter, etc.

I am happy to be able to tell you that not one time has either bookkeeper come to us about any other than a routine matter of small consequence and that only very few times. This has usually been either on my part or her part studying just what the charge should be made against.

In most instances we do not have a choice because designations go as designated and Cooperative Program, of course, is set up. That leaves very little to be decided.

These things are typical of what we found and how we have tried to do our best. If the steps for progress caused resentment at times we can understand that, but we are charged with serious responsibilities regarding what we think of as "blood" money, the blood of Christ and the blood and sweat of many people. We will not be unfaithful regardless of what a few men and women may say.

We write this that you might be more fully informed and we do think it would be profitable if in the building here we could have meetings of smaller groups where such matters might be studied at close range.

More later.

I am,

Your friend,  
D. A. McCall

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P. S. Please accept this as an expression of appreciation also for the number of personal and fine letters I have recently received. Large monies are coming in, several meetings are upon us, we are 'snowed under' with work, and one of our office helpers has a broken arm."

### SOUL WINNING

Think upon Jesus! His life was the vortex of every sort of raging storm. He was born in a manger among the smell of animals, "There was no room in the inn." Luke 2:7. Babies were killed because of Him. Matthew 2:16. While tender in years He had to flee from home. Read all of Matthew 2. At the entrance to His ministry He was confronted with the devil who contested every foot of ground. Men chose swine to Him as a Saviour. Matthew 8:28-34. When He tried to help people some called Him a blasphemer. Matthew 9:1-8. Don't forget that all were not carping critics for the multitudes glorified God. He raises the daughter of Jairus and some laugh Him to scorn. Matthew 9:24. He was early and repeatedly accused by some of being in league with the devil. Matthew 9:32-35, and 12:22-45. Those of us who follow Him may expect the same treatment—Matthew 10:23-25. Jesus could not please some people. Matthew 11:15-30.

Some criticize Him for letting His hungry disciples pluck corn on the Sabbath. Matthew 12:1-8. Some are sticklers for red tape even if people die and go to Hell while we wait on red tape. Read all of Matthew 12. They criticize Him again, Matthew 15:1-20. His critics were meticulous about clean hands but their hearts were as black as Hell itself. How like some today!

The Pharisees and Sadducees—religious hypocrites—try to trap Him—Matthew 16:1-12. He had to be ever alert. But they never caught Him off guard!

They rushed Him from every side. In Psalm 22 animal terms are used to portray the natures of men who rushed Jesus—the bull seeking to gore and stamp to death, and the dog to bite and tear to pieces.

Entering His last week in the flesh on the earth they question His authority. Matthew 21:23. Then they seek to do Him physical hurt. Matthew 21:46.

The last hours come. No longer merely vicious words rain upon Him but He is beaten with many stripes, He is crowned with thorns, He is spat upon, He is

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## Absurd Criticism

It seems that THE CHRISTIAN EVANGELIST, national weekly of the Disciples of Christ, is quite indignant because the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention declined affiliation with the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

That journal editorially referred to the recent vote of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, of which the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is a member, declining affiliation with the Churches of Christ in the United States of America in part as follows:

"One of the determining elements of the vote, said the editorial, "seemed to be the threat (of Dr. M. Thron Rankin, SBC foreign mission executive secretary) that if this merger were consummated this body (Southern Baptists) would withdraw fellowship."

"It may well be questioned," the "whether a communion (Southern Baptists) so consistently unwilling to co-operate in movements toward Protestant unity should be allowed, in the interest of unity of one agency, to halt the progress of the whole co-operative movement now seeking greater effectiveness in its organizational life.

"We can see that many delegates to the Foreign Mission Conference would hesitate to quench the least smouldering light of co-operation shown by this great communion which for generations has stood outside all unity movements throughout the South. It would be unfortunate if the veto, now so unpopular in international relations, should find a place in our interdenominational relations."

This tirade of the spokesman of the Disciples of Christ is prima facie evidence of the firmness of Dr. M. Theron Rankin's (Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention) remarks to the

Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

Southern Baptists are justly indignant at this uncalled for instance of bad taste.

We are only repeating what has been said many times before, "Southern Baptists are co-operative in every possible, common ground, but they will not—now or later—enter movements looking toward organic union. Our churches have, time and again, demonstrated their willingness to co-operate in common-ground enterprises which are for the betterment of communities and larger territories; but they will not compromise their doctrinal convictions, nor surrender their "sovereignty" as one well known leader in the unionizing movement complained. The Southern Baptist Convention has made itself plain on this; leader after leader of the Southern Baptist Convention has so expressed his conviction; and most meaningful of all, that is where the churches stand."

Commenting on this unjust attack by The Christian Evangelist, the Christian Century, which often seems to go out of its way to find fault with Southern Baptists, says:

"Southern Baptists have demonstrated a remarkable capacity to cooperate and their contribution has by no means been a small one. It appears to us a particular type of mental prejudice or obliquity which refuses to see that cooperation is altogether distinct from organic union and that the projected great big over-powering church ecclesiastical objective is one... Further, the editor of the Disciples' paper is also in error concerning the singularity of Southern Baptists, for practically all of the faith missions which are in the Conference likewise would not care to go on with such a program of organic union as the Disciples seem to covet."

So far as we know, Southern Baptists are solidly behind the stand of Dr. Rankin and we hope that he and all Southern Baptists continue to refuse to be drawn into any such super organization.

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## Plain Foolishness

(INS)—A faithful friend led a bedraggled little group of the curious among the tombstones of Greenlawn Cemetery here today in a forlorn attempt to bring back the magic spirit of Howard Thurston.

At 12:30 p. m., the hour of the great Thurston's death, 13 years ago in Miami, Fla., Claude Noble of Detroit, a friend of the renowned prestidigitator stepped through the door of the mausoleum.

In his hand he held a picture of

Explorer Gareth Wells, another friend of the master magician.

He called upon the ghost of the late showman to "manifest yourself to me by knocking this picture from my hand."

The silence seemed to make itself felt in the tomb.

The picture remained firm. Then Noble, himself, broke the quiet. He said:

"I am not discouraged... I'll be back again next year."

Trying to communicate with the dead is just plain foolishness and the height of tomfoolery.

If God had wanted the living to communicate with the dead he would not have waited until 1949 for such to begin.

Mr. Cooper could use his time in a much more valuable way if he would try to prepare in this world to meet Mr. Thurston (if he is in heaven) in heaven, rather than waste time hoping to have his deceased friend knock a picture from his hand.

In fact, even the picture part is foolish. If Thurston could knock a picture from the hand of Cooper he could communicate with him. If he (Cooper) insists on wasting time, let him ask Thurston to do something more useful than knocking a picture from his hand.

Trying to talk with the dead is neither smart, sensible or useful.

Our readers will recall that when the dead rich man asked that Abraham communicate with his brothers who were alive and on the earth his request was refused for two reasons:

1. It was impossible.
2. It would do no good.

The same reasons are true today.

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## Is The Job Done?

"Are Christians growing indifferent to the needs of the world?" This is a question many are asking these days. Churches have done a remarkable relief and reconstruction work during the past few years. Now that the government, through the Marshall Plan, is helping so many nations, should not the churches discontinue their own relief and rehabilitation efforts?

The answer is, "No!"

In the first place the Marshall Plan does not reach the same areas of need covered by the churches. In the second place, to stop relief efforts now would dry up much of the compassion of the Christian enterprise. And in the third place, there is still more need in the world than can be met by the government, the United Nations, and the churches all put together.

As Christians we must continue to meet our share of the responsi-

bility.

Dr. Stanley L. Stuber, Director of Promotion of Church World Service, after a careful survey of relief needs in Europe and Asia, lists the following urgent needs:

**CHINA**—Food is the greatest immediate need, especially for refugees. Also a vast amount of clothing is needed—all varieties for men including overcoats and sweaters.

**BURMA**—Shipments of clothing needed badly.

**JAPAN**—Since it is still impossible to purchase clothing in Japan there is need for small sized shoes and clothing in general. Milk is also greatly needed for a child-feeding program.

**KOREA**—Men's and women's clothing is urgently needed to care for 5,000,000 refugees.

**OKINAWA**—Calling for additional supplies of clothing.

**PHILIPPINES**—Here cotton clothing is very short.

**PAKISTAN AND INDIA**—Pakistan wants 200 bales of clothing monthly, including heavy overcoats and sweaters.

**EUROPE**—There is a continuing need for good used clothing for DP camps, new refugees, for pastors, seminary and college students. Sturdy men's and children's shoes in great demand.

These are some of the basic material needs. Besides this there are spiritual and rehabilitation needs which must be met by the Christian churches.

Most of us know little, from actual experience, about the horrors of war. And most of us have profited financially from the war.

Let us share some of our prosperity with those who have lost and suffered and starved.

This need will never be met unless local churches get busy at once. Some one will have to take the responsibility of getting clothing campaigns organized.

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## Noxapater Revival Adds 13

Noxapater Church has just concluded a revival in which Rev. S. G. Pope was the preacher and Rev. Earl C. Edwards, pastor, East McComb, was the song leader.

There were 13 additions to the church, seven on profession of faith. The church people were so inspired that both men were invited to return in November for a similar meeting.

Rev. Joseph S. Johnson is the pastor at Noxapater.

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**THE BIBLE IS STILL THE BEST** seller. Sales in 1947 totaled 9,248,000 copies with a factory value of \$9,285,000. Sales in 1939 were about 3,800,000 copies.

**NEW YORK**—(RNS)—GEORGE Howe, a Protestant living in Washington, D. C., was named here as the winner of the \$15,000 first-prize offered in the nation-wide writing contest conducted by The Christophers, a movement operated under Roman Catholic auspices. Howe's book, a war-time novel, is entitled "Call It Treason."

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## THE BAPTIST RECORD

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GOING PLACES  
BY A. L. GOODRICH

## BIRMINGHAM IS NUMBER 952

One of the latest churches to join the ever growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive **EVERY FAMILY PLAN** of the Baptist Record is Birmingham Church in Lee County.

Rev. C. E. (Dan) Patch is acting supply pastor for awhile. From what the Baptist Record hears of the work there he is doing more than merely supplying. Having had experience with the **EVERY FAMILY PLAN** of the Baptist Record in other pastorates Mr. Patch lost no time in leading the church to adopt this plan. Now 117 Baptist families of Birmingham Church are reading the Record and thus will learn more about the work. And it is an accepted fact that informed Baptists do more than uninformed Baptists.

The church has voted to undertake the building of six or eight Sunday School rooms and a committee is working on the plans. The finance committee has been appointed and are ready to work. A Sunday School Training Course, using the book "Building a Standard Sunday School," has been taught and the Six Point Record System installed.

Three BTU's have been organized and the Young Ladies Class has purchased a nice sign to go in front of the church building and song book racks have also been purchased. Services are held at ten a. m. the 1st and 3rd Sundays and at six-thirty p. m. on the second and fourth Sundays. Sunday School and BTU therefore follow and not precede the preaching services.

Record readers in Lee County are now listed as follows:

Auburn 56; Baldwyn 94; Birmingham 117; Bissell 17; Brewer 24; Center Hill 2; Euclatubba 37; Guntown 1; Nettleton 32; New Hope 1; Plantersville 70; Pleasant Valley 1; Priceville 28; Saltillo 49; Shannon 41; Sherman 66; Tupelo, Calvary 286; Tupelo, East 32; Tupelo First 304; Tupelo, Harrisburg 205; Union Chapel 1; Union Hill 1; Verona 78.

## GOODMAN CHANGES TO EF

Goodman Church which has recently gone to full time services with Rev. Perry Perkins as pastor, has also taken a forward step by changing from the individual subscription plan to the **EVERY FAMILY Plan**.

Each year church treasurer, J. T. Skelton, has mailed the Baptist Record a check for the **EVERY FAMILY** list but in order to take care of additions to the church membership and not have some expiring at one time and some at another the **EVERY FAMILY Plan** is to be used. In this way names may be added or taken off at will. Each month a bill is sent to the church for the number of subscriptions during that month.

Holmes County now has Record readers as follows: Beulah 25; Bowling Green 1; Cruger 23; Durant 188; Ebenezer 1; Emory 9; Goodman 49; Harlands Creek 1; Horseshoe 30; Lexington 148; Mt. Pleasant 44; Oak Grove 16; Pleasant Ridge 34; Tchula 46; West 32; Pickens 47; Mt. Vernon 15; Oregon 13.

## NORTH CENTRAL PASTORS TO MEET JUNE 6

The North Central Pastors' Conference will meet at Mathiston on June 6.

During the morning "The Lord's Supper" and "Study in Romans" will be subjects discussed by W. W. Booth and Rev. I. F. Metts, respectively. Rev. J. D. Walker will bring the morning message.

Rev. Carey Cox will lead a discussion in the afternoon and Rev. J. R. Reedy and Rev. J. M. Metts will bring thirty minute discussions of Scripture passages.

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## UNION, ALCORN, ENROLLS 66 IN BTU STUDY COURSE

Union Church in Alcorn County had 66 enrolled in a Training Union study course April 25-28. The faculty was as follows: Rev. W. A. Hogan, Bay Springs; Mrs. G. B. Basden, Mrs. H. C. Coggins and Mrs. Fred Leach, all of Wheeler.

This two-year old Training Union has 103 enrolled, under the leadership of Mrs. W. T. Fuell, director, and the assistance of the pastor, Rev. G. B. Basden.

## HAMBURG IS NUMBER 954

Hamburg is a recent addition to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive **EVERY FAMILY PLAN** of the Baptist Record. Rev. W. A. (Slick) Greene is the pastor.

Pastor Greene is an oldtime friend of the Baptist Record and never misses an opportunity to help out. It is a well known fact that whenever he becomes pastor of a church if the Record is not already a part of the church program it soon will be.

Franklin County Record readers are now listed as follows:

Bude 50; Concord 2; Damascus 38; Hamburg 35; Hopewell 20; Lucien 39; McCall Creek 15; Meadville 59; Mt. Zion 25; New Hope 7; New Salem 26; O'Zion 26; Providence 97; Quentin 19; Ramah 40; Roxie 55; Sarepta 32; Siloam 47; Spring Hill 15.

## HEBRON IS NUMBER 955

Although Rev. E. L. Norwood has only been pastor of Hebron Church, on the outskirts of Grenada since December 1948, much has already been accomplished. Having been without a pastor for several months the services were irregular and the Sunday school had ceased to function.

The church has now adopted a full-time program, the Sunday school has been revived with an average attendance during recent weeks of 46. Nine now await baptism and four have come by letter during the past two months.

Work has already begun on a new stone block church building. It will have six Sunday school rooms in addition to the auditorium.

And last but not least, Hebron has adopted the **EVERY FAMILY** plan of the Baptist Record. While the church builds a house in which to worship, the pastor has led them to plan to KNOW about Baptist affairs in Mississippi and throughout the world by reading the Baptist Record.

Grenada county now has Record readers listed as follows: Hebron 30; Bethel, 22; Graysport, 11; Grenada, 163; Hardy Station, 26; Holcomb, 28; Pleasant Grove, 15; Providence, 1.

## Joe Hudson Accepts Mt. Olive Pastorate



REV. JOE W. HUDSON

Rev. Joe W. Hudson has accepted the pastorate of Mt. Olive Church, succeeding the Rev. Vernon May. The Rev. Mr. Hudson began his work on May 15.

When the pastor and his family moved into the pastorum, they found the kitchen filled with groceries.

Mr. Hudson came to Mt. Olive from Bassfield. On his last Sunday as Bassfield a new Recreational Building, which has been completed and paid for, was dedicated. The church debt has also been paid and a gas heating system and fans were installed, the auditorium was refinished and the parsonage was improved.

Bassfield church has gone to full-time service. Prayer meeting attendance grew from 15 to 55, and the church budget increased from \$2,300 to \$10,000 last year. There have been more than 100 additions to the church, 75 per cent of which were by baptism.

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## MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

(Continued from Page Three)

blinded and slapped in the face. They nail Him to the Cross and leave Him to die! He is dead! He is buried! He rises from the city of the dead! His grave is empty. He appears to many! He commissions His church. Matthew 28. Acts 1:8. He lives! He reigns! He saves! He keeps! His enemies will be made His footstool. His own will reign with Him. Revelation 7:9-17, and chapters 21 and 22. Doxology!

## Dr. G. E. Wiley Leads In Aberdeen Revival

Aberdeen Church held a revival April 24-May 1, in which Dr. Glen E. Wiley of Grenada did the preaching and Robert L. Cooper of Aberdeen led the music. Fourteen were added to the church and twelve others publicly professed faith in Christ.

On May 8 seven others united with the church, four for baptism. Ira Bright, Jr., dedicated himself to full-time Christian service and will leave on May 23 for the Southwestern Seminary.

Services were held the week of May 8 in the jail. The church sent the pastor, Rev. C. W. Thompson, and his family to the Southern Baptist Convention at Oklahoma City.

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## Educational Workers Meet At Ridgecrest Aug. 10, 11

The Southeastern Educational Workers' Association will meet at Ridgecrest August 10 and 11, 1949, according to J. M. Crowe, President of Southeastern Educational Workers' Association.

The program will consist of symposiums, panel discussions, open conferences, testimonies and addresses on such topics as the educational program of a Baptist church, the educational worker's relationships, making Baptist church membership meaningful, the report of the committee on church organizations, a church visitation program, the training program of a Baptist church, a graded music program for a Baptist church, and the church and the home.

Reservations for lodging and meals should be made immediately with Robert Guy, manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. When writing for reservation, please indicate when you expect to arrive, how long you expect to remain, and the type of accommodations you desire.

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**YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY** have never had a greater opportunity to dedicate life and all its possibilities to meeting a more urgent need than exists today. The call is for teachers, for missionaries, for spiritual leaders to serve at home and abroad, and who will endeavor to bring to the peoples of all lands the light of the world—the Hope of the ages . . . C. Oscar Johnson in *The Baptist Student*.

Southern Baptist Convention  
Membership and Baptisms By States—1948

States	Member-ship	1947	1948	Baptisms	Baptisms	Gains & Losses %	Ratio To Membership
Alabama	492,909	20,131	22,848	2,717	(13.5)	1 to 21.6	
Arizona	9,279	867	1,066	199	(22.9)	1 to 8.7	
Arkansas	214,704	11,460	13,763	2,303	(20.1)	1 to 15.6	
California	23,042	2,480	3,330	841	(23.1)	1 to 6.9	
Dist. of Columbia	27,955	1,100	1,241	141	(12.8)	1 to 22.5	
Florida	243,104	13,543	15,282	1,739	(12.6)	1 to 15.9	
Georgia	633,119	23,996	26,489	2,493	(10.4)	1 to 23.5	
Illinois	97,624	3,920	4,827	907	(23.1)	1 to 20.3	
Kansas	2,802	—	404	404	(100.0)	1 to 6.4	
Kentucky	496,580	19,988	22,907	2,919	(14.6)	1 to 21.7	
Louisiana	263,307	12,143	12,146	3	(0.0)	1 to 21.7	
Maryland	28,189	1,112	1,346	234	(21.0)	1 to 20.9	
Mississippi	266,172	14,605	15,242	637	(4.4)	1 to 24.0	
Missouri	329,090	14,403	16,263	1,850	(12.8)	1 to 20.3	
New Mexico	38,836	2,123	2,610	487	(22.9)	1 to 14.9	
North Carolina	626,227	26,451	27,138	687	(2.6)	1 to 23.8	
Oklahoma	313,103	16,651	18,463	1,812	(10.9)	1 to 17.0	
South Carolina	350,003	13,562	15,640	2,058	(15.2)	1 to 22.4	
Tennessee	547,387	36,411	29,478	4,167	(16.5)	1 to 18.6	
Texas	1,053,979	50,463	49,339	1,124	(2.2)	1 to 21.4	
Virginia	324,930	10,814	12,434	1,620	(15.0)	1 to 26.1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,491,981</b>	<b>285,152</b>	<b>312,346</b>	<b>27,094</b>	<b>(9.5)</b>	<b>1 to 20.8</b>	

**- Woman's Missionary Union --**

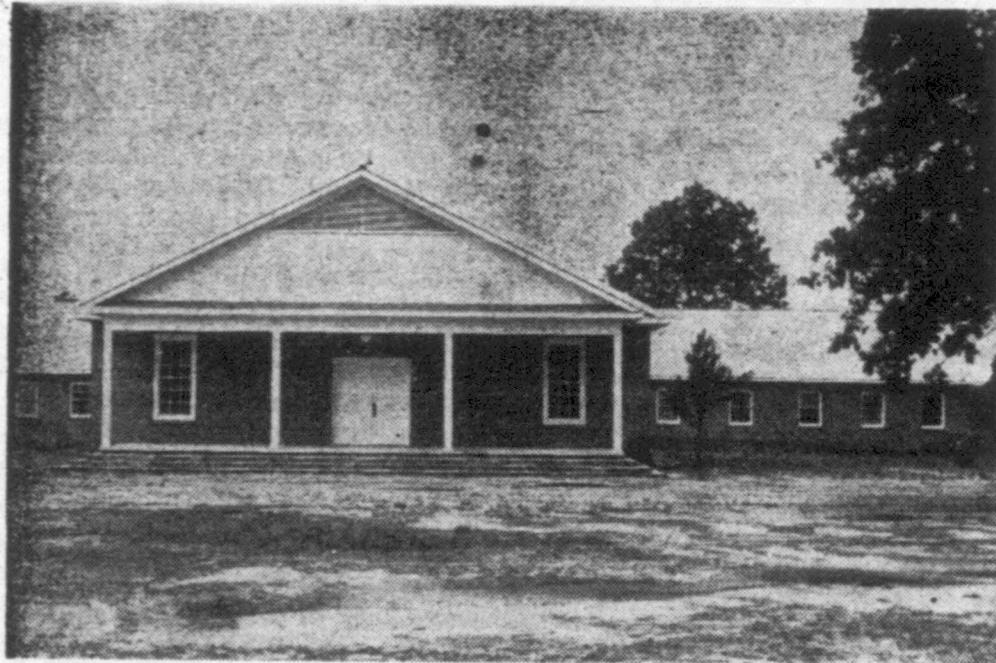
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Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor



MISS BERTHA WALLIS

**MISSIONARY SPEAKERS  
AT CAMP GARAYWA**

Miss Bertha Wallis, Field Worker under the Baptist Home Mission Board, will be guest speaker, May 24-June 4, for 2 girls' camps at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, Mississippi. Miss Wallis will speak daily to a group of junior girls assembled at Camp Garaywa for a week of fun, fellowship and missionary education.

**ROCKY CREEK DEDICATES BUILDING ON MAY 29**

The Rocky Creek Church will be dedicated on May 29. Rev. J. B. Stewart, pastor, will be in charge of the program. All former pastors have been invited to participate and Rev. Percy Cooper will deliver the dedication sermon.

The debt free building consists of a large auditorium with a seating capacity of 520, a choir loft which seats 34, a baptistry, 27 Sunday school rooms, including general assembly rooms, a kitchen, rest rooms, library and pastor's study.

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**WE BELIEVE NO MAN HAS A RIGHT** to personal liberty that turns him into a beast, that browbeats women and children, and that produces poverty and crime and disease. No state has a right to license a traffic that fills jails and ruins character. We sing "God Bless America" and then legalize the business of destroying America. There is no common sense to it, and certainly no Christianity... Harold E. Engraham in *The Sunday School Builder*.

A native of Alabama, Miss Wallis has served in Good Will Centers in Oklahoma and Alabama, worked in the Baptist Children's Home of Oklahoma, and is at present employed by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Martha Morrison, on furlough from the mission field in Hawaii, will be the missionary speaker at Camp Garaywa, May 24-30. She will bring messages concerning Southern Baptist Mission work in Hawaii, where she has served as a missionary for the past 3 years.

Miss Morrison is a native of Georgia, has done extensive work in Kindergartens and as a public school teacher, and is now the director of Olivet Baptist Kindergarten, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Miss Edith Chaney, missionary nurse to Africa, will attend Junior Girls' Auxiliary camps at Camp Garaywa, May 24-June 4. She will teach a mission study book on Africa and speak during the missionary period.

Miss Chaney is a native of Arkansas, and was appointed in 1945 to the Baptist Welfare center, Ite, Nigeria, West Africa. While on furlough, she is at home in Vivian, Louisiana.

From the above mentioned bulletin we quote a statement made by William Brady, M. D.:

**Department of Temperance Activities**

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MRS. W. S. MANSKER, Office Secretary

**NOT ONE GOOD ARGUMENT CAN BE ADVANCED FOR THE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Under the caption "Beverage Alcohol Has No Place in Athletics," the Civic Bulletin, March 25, 1949, published in New York, gives the following statement signed by thirty of the leading college coaches and athletic directors of the nation: "The successful athlete must have force of character to say 'No' to alcoholic drinks, in season and out of season, if he is to stay at top form in his co-ordination of muscles and nerves and retain stamina. There is no competition between drinkers and non-drinkers for a place on any team that rates well in athletics. The drinker cannot stand the pace of competitive sports. Alcohol-free living is the only choice a boy or man can make, if he wants to go places athletically!"

From the above mentioned bulletin we quote a statement made by William Brady, M. D.:

**EFFECTS OF LIQUOR DRINKING!**

"Not one, so far as I know, has as yet brought forward any fair or reasonable excuse for the use of alcohol as medicine or beverage by any layman, young or old . . . The effect of alcohol is depressant to the mind and body, from first to last, I am speaking now of the use of alcohol as medicine or as beverage, in ordinary doses as used by laymen who regard it as necessary, beneficial or warranted for such use.

**Effect on Body Temperature.** An ordinary beverage dose of alcohol makes the heart beat faster and with less force—a weak heart is more rapid than a strong or normal heart—and diminishes the blood pressure by re-

laxing surface arterioles. This flushes the skin and deceives the victim into believing he is "warmed up" and "stimulated."

At the same time the actual body temperature is lowered, because of the excessive dissipation of body heat from the flushed surface and the weakened circulation, and the victim is therefore less capable of enduring exposure to extreme cold. Polar explorers know the danger of using alcohol under such circumstances.

The victim's judgment is impaired. He becomes more or less garrulous. His emotions are less restrained by higher intellectual control. He becomes more reckless, more abrupt, less reasoning or calculating about his behavior, manners, reputations. He enters upon an adventure, a quarrel or an escapade lightly, whereas in his normal state he would hesitate or decline to get into such a mess. His higher faculties are temporarily inhibited or dulled. He may commit offenses or even crimes which, in normal condition, he could not commit.

Remember, I am still speaking of the effect of an ordinary beverage dose of alcohol.

The individual's reaction time is invariably slowed by alcohol; it takes him a mite too long to react in an emergency, so that he drives into a wreck where, in his un intoxicated state, he could avoid the accident by quick action.

The victim himself cannot and will not recognize his depression. On the contrary he obstinately believes he is stronger, braver, better, more competent mentally and physically, when the alcohol is acting. Total abstinence is the only sensible course for anybody who is not a fool."

**VERMONT HOUSE KILLS SCHOLARSHIP BILL  
Catholic Cleric Displeased**

MONTPELIER, Vt.—(RNS)—The Vermont House of Representatives was charged with religious discrimination for killing a scholarship bill which would have revised and broadened state scholarship grants to Vermont colleges.

The measure would have involved a substantial increase in the annual scholarship appropriation and would have put St. Michael's College of Winooski, a Roman Catholic institution, on an equal scholarship footing with the University of Vermont and Middlebury.

The measure would have awarded \$200 scholarships to 60 students attending St. Michael's College, 60 attending the University of Vermont and 60 attending Middlebury.

**Editor's Note:** The Very Rev. Daniel P. Lyons, president of St. Michael's College sharply criticized the Vermont House of Representatives for killing a bill which would have provided St. Michael's with a larger state scholarship grant. St. Michael's College would have received a \$12,000 allotment in scholarships to Vermont boys under the defeated bill.

**12 ADDED IN SOUTH SIDE MERIDIAN REVIVAL**

South Side Church in Meridian held an Evangelistic meeting April 24-29. Dr. W. E. Greene, Clarke College, was the visiting evangelist. Rev. A. Estus Mason is the pastor.

Ralph H. Young led the singing. Mr. Young recently resigned as Music Director at First Church, DeQuincy, Louisiana, to give his full-time to Evangelistic Singing. Rev. A. Estus Mason recommends him as a soloist, as well as a song leader. Address Mr. Young at Box 344, Pascagoula.

There were 12 additions to the church, 11 by baptism.

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**CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL PLANNED IN PEORIA**

PEORIA, Ill.—(RNS)—Twenty-three Protestant churches in the Peoria area are planning a "Christian day school," to be opened here next September under the sponsorship of the National Association of Christian Schools.

Church leaders here are making surveys to determine the number of prospective students. There will be eight primary grades, meeting all state requirements. So far parents have reacted favorably to the idea, it was said.

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— BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —  
W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary — EDWINA MAY, Office SecretaryMt. Zion Church,  
Lincoln County, Organizes

Mt. Zion Church, Lincoln County, and truly one of our great country churches, has recently organized a Brotherhood. Our former teacher, Rev. Elton Barlow, is the devoted pastor of the church and the following are officers: Earl Smith, Wesson, president; J. W. Kimble, Wesson, membership vice-president; Frank Lowery, Wesson, program vice-president; Wardell Britt, Wesson, activities vice-president; Russell Newell, Wesson, secretary-treasurer; and Paul Thompson, Wesson, chorister.

The Brotherhood, along with the W. M. U., is meeting in connection with prayer service on Wednesday evenings.

## Associational Work

The work of the associational Brotherhood is vital. Without it, church Brotherhoods will limp along and interest may die. The associational meetings held each quarter in each association should reach men from all organized Brotherhoods as well as from other churches, and promote among them a wide fellowship and better knowledge of church and Brotherhood work.

Each associational Brotherhood should have six officers as follows:

\$5,000 Invested In  
Clarke College By  
Miss Jennie Stevens

MISS JENNIE STEVENS

Miss Jennie Stevens, of Canton, has just made a \$5,000 investment in Christian education at Clarke Memorial College.

Miss Jennie spent several days in Newton in the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Moore, making frequent visits to the college campus. Her investment is a testimony to her faith in the future of the school.

The administration, Board of Trustees, members of the faculty and student body, the alumni, and all the friends of Clarke College are indeed grateful to Miss Jennie.

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## HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock, May 22, 1949.

Speaker—Dr. J. D. Grey.

Heard in Mississippi over radio stations WJMB, Brookhaven; WFOR, Hattiesburg; WSLI, Jackson; WAML, Laurel; WTOK, Meridian; and at 8:30 over WAZF, Yazoo City.

President, Attendance Vice-President, Program Vice-President (for reporting service activities and projects), Secretary-Treasurer and Chorister. An Advisory Committee of three or more pastors is always a valuable asset in associational work. These officers should meet together at least once each quarter and plan ahead for all meetings.

Publicity for associational meetings is most important. Brotherhood officers in each association should have a mailing list of at least 150 men, and send material to these well in advance of each meeting. Let no Brotherhood be accused of two weaknesses as was a certain preacher some years ago, about whom was said: "He has no delivery, and nothing to deliver." Every Brotherhood should have something to advertise for its meeting—and then get busy wisely to advertise it among pastors and laymen.

## And Ridgecrest, Too

Be sure to get your reservation in early for Brotherhood Week at Ridgecrest, August 18-24. This is a rare opportunity to meet some of the finest laymen and pastors in the south and to catch up on Brotherhood methods.

Calvary, Jackson  
Dedicates Largest  
Organ In South

T. H. WEBBER, ARCHITECT,  
PRESENTS FIRST RECITAL

Contains 3,091 Pipes, 61-Bar  
Harp, 25 Bells, 32 Couplers,  
53 Combinations, Five Pedals

A new four-Manual Moller Pipe Organ, which was recently installed in Calvary Church, Jackson, was dedicated May 15, under the leadership of the pastor, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins.

The Organ, according to the company, is the largest in the South and contains 46 ranks of pipes—a total of 3,091 pipes with 57 stops. Thirty-two couplers and fifty-three adjustable combinations and five expression pedals provide additional flexibility of control. A 61-Bar Harp and Celesta and 25 Schulmerich Carillonic Bells are also playable from the Great, the Solo and the Pedal.

In 1946 when the last notes of the church were paid, Dr. Claud B. Bowen inspired the interest of the members in an organ by his untiring efforts and keen enthusiasm. With the magnificent gifts from Walter G. Johnson, Sr., definite plans began to take shape.

In September 1947 an Organ Committee was appointed, including Dr. Claud B. Bowen, Chairman; E. M. Britt, W. C. Hester, B. B. McClendon, Mrs. J. R. Sandefur and Mrs. J. V. Posey. W. V. Westbrook was later appointed chairman after Dr. Bowen's departure. Through the work of the committee and the architect the organ was purchased from M. P. Moller, Inc., of Hagerstown, Maryland, December 17, 1947.

The church purchased a set of Schulmerich Carillonic Bells in 1947

## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

Box 530 — Phone 2-1600 — Jackson  
CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary BETTY PRESSON, Office Secretary

## POTPOURRI

At this writing, the fund for our Summer Missionaries stands at \$840.32. If you or your campus has not sent in a contribution, please do so right away. Contributions received since last report are as follows: Arbyrd (Mo.) Baptist Church (Laura Thompson's home church)—\$62.44; Clarke College—\$100; Delta State—\$32; Blue Mountain—\$68.66; Oakland, Miss. layman—\$2; Sunflower Jr. College—\$61.41, and Miss. State \$100. . . . Twenty Youth Revivals are thus far being planned through your State BSU Dept. . . . Twenty-seven have registered for Student Retreat at Ridgecrest June 8-15. Remember, the deadline on registration (\$2) and bus transportation (\$20) is May 31 in this office. . . . Our first Youth Revival Clinic, held in the Bapt. Bldg. May 7, we believe was a great blessing to the group that attended. We appreciate greatly the contributions of Riley Munday, Nolan M. Kennedy, Dan Cameron, W. F. Davis, Clyde Davis, John Boozer, Glenn Merrell, S. W. Valentine, James Merritt, Mel Craft, Jr., John L. Gilbert, Cybil Deweese, Geneva Davis, and Ewilda Trenor. . . . Pray for Youth Revival Night at Southern Baptist Convention this coming Saturday night. . . . Delta State students recently put on another drive (their second) for World Relief. . . . Louie Farmer, BSU's Sec'y. for Clarke College, recently preached the ordination sermon for James Hodges, last year's BSU President. Louie writes that the good influences of Focus Week are living on. Also he states that Clarke is taking its bus to Ridgecrest and that if anyone is interested in going thataway, contact him. . . . BSUers from Pearl River Jr. have recently presented programs at Juniper Grove and Oak Hill churches. . . . One was recently converted, one joined the local church, 16 participated in a program at Soso Church, six are planning to do Training Union work this summer from Jones Jr. . . . BSU Sec'y. S. A. Salter, Miss. State, writes that BSUers there plan to do revival work in Oktibbeha County this summer. . . . Dr. Landon Miller, of First Church, Brookhaven, was speaker at Woman's College recent BSU banquet. Members of the Y. W. A. there recently gave out

Mississippi College Invites All Hinds County  
To "Open House" Sunday Afternoon May 22

## Public Recital, Campus Tours And Refreshments Scheduled

A day of "Open House" will be held at historic Mississippi College in Clinton on Sunday, May 22. All alumni, friends of the College, and other visitors are welcome. The program will begin at 3:30 and at 4 o'clock a public recital will be held in new Nelson Chapel. After the recital visitors will be shown the two campuses of the Colleges by guides.

Refreshments will be served in the recently completed Home Economic Department and the various points of interest will be shown. The 8 newly constructed or acquired buildings will

to be later included in the organ. These bells are a part of the Amplification System.

The organ is inscribed with a tablet in memory of Walter G. Johnson, Sr., who made the initial gift to the Organ Fund.

Thomas H. Webber, Jr., Organist and Choirmaster, Idlewild Presbyterian

Church, Memphis, who was engaged as Organ Architect, was presented Monday evening in the first organ recital on the new organ. Mr. Webber is one of the outstanding concert-organists of America. In this recital he demonstrated all the musical effects obtainable on this new Moller organ.

be open for inspection and all other property of the College will be shown.

Visitors from Jackson and Hinds county are asked to meet in the lobby of Nelson Hall, Administration Building, as soon as they arrive on the campus which faces highway 80 at Clinton. Some weeks ago an "Open House" was held for the citizens of the town of Clinton. This large affair on May 22 will be for the residents of Jackson and Hinds county.

The College Commencement festivities will begin the following weekend.

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THURSDAY, May 10, 1949

## THE BAPTIST RECORD

**ABEL GOES TO COLLINS**  
Was Formerly Pastor There



REV. W. B. ABEL

MERIDIAN—After serving Poplar Springs Drive church as its pastor for 18 years, the Rev. W. B. Abel has tendered his resignation, effective June 1, the minister announced Monday.

The Rev. Mr. Abel was serving as pastor of the Collins church when he was called to Meridian and it is to that pastorate he will return.

During his ministry here, the congregation has grown from approximately 225 to 500. A new pastor's home and a new educational building are some of the improvements.

Mr. Abel has taken an active part in Baptist affairs in Lauderdale county and throughout the state. He also served as a member of the Baptist Convention Board.

The Rev. and Mrs. Able have endeared themselves to people of the entire community.

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**Providence, Forrest, To Hold Homecoming Day May 29**

Providence Church in Forrest County has planned their annual Home-Coming Day for May 29. All-day services will be held, with dinner on the grounds and singing in the afternoon.

The church was organized on October 31, 1918. It is now in the midst of an effort to provide transportation, more class rooms, and an organ.

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**MINISTER'S CAMPAIGN CLOSES GAMBLING HOUSE**

ERWIN, N. C.—(RNS)—A one-man campaign launched by the Rev. Forrest C. Maxwell against a gambling house near here has closed the gambling house.

Mr. Maxwell launched his attack on the house at the funeral services of a suicide victim, and continued it in subsequent sermons from his pulpit at Erwin church. At the funeral he blamed the suicide on gambling losses and said, "I dedicate myself here over the body of this dead man to try to make our community and county a cleaner place in which to live."

After a week, the gambling house closed of its own accord, the operator being quoted as saying that the minister's campaign had been costing him \$1,000 a week.

—BR—

REV. AND MRS. C. M. DAY HAVE announced the coming wedding of their daughter Joan to Mr. Rather Willis on Wednesday afternoon, May 26 at 2:30 p. m. at the First Baptist church, Durant. Mr. Day is pastor of the First Church, Durant.

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## "That the World May Know..."

That the world may know Christ! That 600 Foreign Missionaries, 600 Home Missionaries, 100 State Missionaries may be supported in telling His story! That 1,600 college students, 250 ministerial students, and over 2,000 Seminary students may be trained! That around 200 orphans a year and the sick and suffering of the hospitals may be cared for! That the gospel may be preached over the radio and in the printed page! That the work of Christ may be supplemented in the work with the races—Indians, Chinese, and Negroes! That a strong evangelistic emphasis may prevail! That much more may be done in the Name of Christ!

Mississippi Baptists have for the stated month given of their substance and it has been used as follows:

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, APRIL, 1949 \*

HOW OUR MONEY COMES IN		HOW OUR MONEY IS SENT AND SPENT	
Cooperative Program	\$ 58,443.09	Cooperative Program:	
For Designated Objects	29,691.57	Preaching and Promotion	\$ 5,451.05
Home Mission Week of Prayer	25,204.18	WMU Department	1,585.60
Baptist Record:		Southwide Causes	32,160.05
Subscriptions	\$ 5,342.37	Foreign Mission Board, Southern	
Advertising	1,597.10	Baptist Seminary, Southwestern	
Miscellaneous	3.00	Baptist Seminary, New Orleans	
	<b>6,942.47</b>	Baptist Seminary, WMU Training	
Relief and Annuity:		School, American Baptist Seminary,	
Pastors Dues	\$ 2,238.34	Relief and Annuity Board, Radio	
Church Dues	2,553.80	Commission, Baptist Brotherhood of	
Widow's Supplement Dues	238.97	the South, Southern Baptist	
Board Employee's Dues	245.25	Hospital.	
Board Employee's Widow		Christian Education	15,722.69
Supplement	56.55	Miss. College	\$ 5,031.26
Refund on Expense	101.36	Miss. Woman's	
	<b>8,434.27</b>	College	3,301.76
Home Mission Board	150.60	Blue Mtn. College	4,245.13
Baptist Building Maintenance	471.25	Clarke Memorial	
Returned Checks Made Good	136.91	College	3,144.54
	<b>\$126,473.74</b>	Ministerial Education	1,429.34
TOTAL		Miss. Baptist Foundation	536.00
Cash in Bank March 31:		Miss. Baptist Hospital	714.67
Deposit Guaranty Bank		Miss. Baptist Orphanage	5,573.34
and Trust Company	\$84,331.19		<b>\$ 61,172.74</b>
First National Bank	68,682.81	For Designated Objects	25,404.96
	<b>153,014.00</b>	Home Mission Week of Prayer	14,888.12
	<b>\$279,487.74</b>	Relief and Annuity:	
		Pastors Dues	1,959.38
		Church Dues	2,442.84
		Widow's Supplement	
		Dues	316.76
		Board Employee's Dues	245.25
		Board Employee's Widows	
		Supplement Dues	124.39
			<b>5,088.62</b>
		Returned Checks	136.91
		Radio Expense	6,871.85
		Baptist Building Maintenance	586.77
		Baptist Record Expense:	
		Editorial Department	767.06
		Mailing Department	4,226.95
			<b>4,994.01</b>
		State Mission Allocations:	
		Associational Missionaries	1,424.94
		Bible Teachers—Co-Lin and	
		Ferkington Jr. Colleges	70.00
		BSU Department	464.03
		BSU Campus	1,504.86
			<b>1,968.89</b>
		Brotherhood Department	695.06
		BTU Department	1,826.24
		Chinese Work	75.00
		Church Building Aid	5,955.00
		Institutional Visitation	441.46
		Military Camp Work	100.00
		Negro Work	529.53
		Preachers School	11.00
		Pastoral Aid	687.88
		Relief and Annuity:	
		Office Expense	242.72
		Board Employees 3%	245.25
		Pastors Dues 2/3	1,302.25
		Widow's Supplement	316.76
		Board Employees Widows	
		Supplement	124.39
			<b>2,231.37</b>
		Stewardship and Evangelism	639.28
		Sunday School Department	1,590.21
		Temperance Department	753.26
		WMU Field Work:	
		R. A. Worker	157.90
		Negro Worker	174.89
			<b>332.79</b>
		WMU Camp Maintenance	286.32
			<b>\$138,762.21</b>
		TOTAL	
		Cash in Banks April 30, 1949:	
		Deposit Guaranty Bank	
		& Trust Company	65,978.70
		First National Bank	75,646.83
			<b>140,725.53</b>
			<b>\$279,487.74</b>

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## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

May 15, 1949	
Glenfield (Union County)	47
Ridgeland, First	52
East Side (Rankin County)	108
Byram (Hinds County)	110
Jackson, Immanuel	136
Jackson, Van Winkle	471
Jackson, Parkway	782
Parkway Chapel	109
Jackson, First	1280
Jackson, Northside	519
Jackson, Calvary	1356
Calvary Mission	23
East Fork	83
Tangipahoa (Pike Association)	192
Crystal Springs	641
West Laurel	501
Laurel, Second Avenue	421
Hattiesburg, Main Street	924
Booneville	296
Chalybeate	71
Pleasant Valley (Simpson County)	92
Bruce	221
East Columbia	154
Lucedale	382
West Point, First	487
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	108
Carmel (Lawrence County)	96
Meridian, First	790
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue	554
Meridian, Highland	495
Meridian, Southside	353
Meridian, Eighth Avenue	366
Meridian, 41st Avenue	320
Meridian, Poplar Springs	267
Meridian, Oakland Heights	137
Meridian, Oak Grove	112
Meridian, Key Field Mission	43
Brookhaven, First	1,048
Pleasant Hill, Lincoln (County)	84
Columbus, First	955
Corinth, Tate Street	372
Delay	47
Holly Springs (Neshoba County)	55
New Zion (Copiah County)	95
East Moss Point	175
East McComb	486
Gulfport, First	666
Rawls Springs (Forrest County)	129
Bethlehem (Jones County)	146
Sharon (Jones County)	104
Philadelphia, First	793
West Corinth	178
Kreole, First	120
Pascagoula, First	515
Eastlawn Mission	56
Darling	57
Kosciusko, First	527
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	100
New Albany, First	625
Center	113
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	90
—BR—	

**BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS., MAY 6**  
The following class officers have been elected at Blue Mountain College for the 1949-50 session.

Senior class: President, Betty Jane Rodgers, Yazoo City; vice-president, Margaret Payne, Senatobia; secretary, Frances Cox, Saulsbury, Tenn.; treasurer, Mary Blanche McMullen, Sumner; student government representative, Margaret McMullen, Sumner.

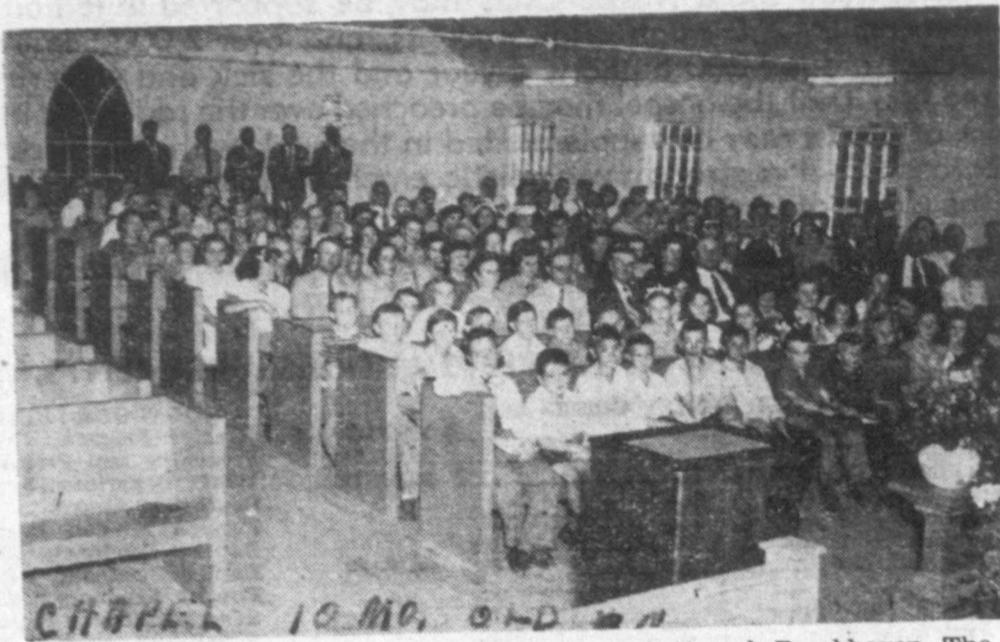
Junior class: President, Eloise Ellis, Jackson; vice-president, Joyce Keeler, Leesburg, Fla.; secretary, Miriam Preston, Nashville, Tenn.; treasurer, Jane Griffin, West Memphis, Ark.; student government representative, Martha Butler, Henderson, Ky.

Sophomore class: President, Willie Vesta Winslett, Laurel; vice-president, Gall Nelms, Gadsden, Ala.; secretary, Mary D. Wilds, Oxford; treasurer, Edna Jean Reynolds, Starkville; student government representative, Shirley Wieland, Trenton, Tenn.

—From Blue Mountain College, 1949  
By ROSA HALL, S. C. N.

## 1st Church, Brookhaven, Has Outstanding Mission And Extension Program

Central, Hamilton Street, McCormick Court Now Operating



Shown above is the interior of the Central Chapel, Brookhaven. The auditorium of this mission seats 300. There are also 13 educational rooms.



The attractive brick building shown above is the Central Chapel, sponsored by First Church, Brookhaven.

On July 4, 1948, the First Baptist Church of Brookhaven organized the Central Baptist Chapel, located on Georgia Avenue. A class of young business men, taught by Mr. D. D. Kennedy, built a small tin-top tabernacle, and on the first Sunday there were 23 present in Sunday School. There has been a continual growth, and on May 1, after 10 months, the chapel had 207 in Sunday School.

They have a beautiful brick building with a seating capacity of over 300 and 13 nice rooms in the basement for educational purposes. The building is equipped with a kitchen and rest rooms and an electric organ. The present membership is 153, with nine candidates awaiting baptism.

In addition to Central Chapel, Hamilton Street Chapel with a ten room brick building and McCormick Court Sunday School Teaching Center have been established.

The mission program of the First Baptist Church works on this plan: after finding a suitable location, the church purchases a lot and a tin-top tabernacle is used until enough people unite with the chapel to start the construction of a building and the members of the new chapel, which is

a branch of the First Baptist Church, borrow the money necessary for the construction of the building, with the First Baptist Church signing the notes for the chapel and all offerings received in the chapel are used in paying the notes. The First Baptist Church pays the salary of the associate pastor in charge of missions.

The chapel program in Brookhaven has not only been helpful to the First Baptist Church, but it has strengthened the Baptist position in the city and surrounding churches.

It would be a fine thing if all of our larger churches would organize chapels with a view to building new churches.

Dr. W. Landon Miller is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Brookhaven, and Rev. A. Marvin Sanders is the associate pastor in charge of missions.

—BR—

**FREEDOM FOR THE CHRISTIAN**  
does not mean license. It does not mean to have one's own way. It does not mean the absence of all restraint. Rather, the opposite. It means the recognition that the will of God is of supreme importance. We must obey him, and in order thus to obey him, we must be free from coercion by the will of men . . . Walter Pope Binns in *The Baptist Student*.

## BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

### TUNE IN

. . . at 2:30 p. m., the Sundays of May 22, 29 and June 5, on radio stations WSLI, WCBL, WMOX, WROB, WELO, WROX, WLAL, WHOC, WLOX, WAPF, KWEM, or WJMB, and hear songs by a double quartet of Blue Mountain College girls, and Dr. Frank Moody Purser, on Mississippi Baptist Hour.

The books at Blue Mountain College were opened May 2 to receive room reservations for next session. Applications have arrived from most of Mississippi's counties, many states, and some foreign countries, and are continuing to come in.

Thanks to the loyalty and generosity of friends, Blue Mountain will be able to start two new buildings in June—the fine arts building to house the music department, and a new residence hall. The fine arts building will be called Garret Fine Arts Building. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd F. Garrett of Corinth have made this building possible by a donation of \$75,000 towards its cost. The new dormitory will be known as the Jennie Stevens Residence Hall. At a meeting of the Blue Mountain College trustees in April, Miss Stevens, who had already donated \$100,000, announced an additional gift of \$25,000 toward the expense of this building.

Other recent gifts announced at the board meeting totaled about \$20,000.

Blue Mountain's remaining minimum needs now are: Additional endowment, \$482,000; a new dining hall, \$70,000; a new infirmary, \$22,000; library building, \$60,000; a modern physical education building, \$60,000; and some gifts with which to purchase equipment for the college farm. God has worked on the hearts of his people and we feel sure he will continue to do so until the minimum needs of Blue Mountain have been met.

Blue Mountain is a small college; we want it to be always a small college. Its boarding capacity is approximately three hundred students. It has thirty faculty members, consecrated men and women trained in the leading colleges and universities. The advantage to a girl in attending a small college is that she is regarded as a personality and not as a unit. In a small college the professors are able to analyze the potentialities of a student and in numerous instances recognize latent qualities which the young person herself has not realized she possesses.

After Blue Mountain obtains the minimum needs mentioned in this article, she will use additional gifts to improve the high quality of instruction already being given, and for additional equipment. Blue Mountain College does not plan to expand. It does not want to be bigger—only better.

—BR—

**THE MAJOR IN EVANGELISM** IN the message of the pastor does at least two things. It preserves the balance of spiritual life and power in the heart of the pastor. It puts first things first and second things second. Then it builds into the life of his people a conviction that this is the main business . . . Robert E. Naylor in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

Thursday, May 19, 1949

## THE BAPTIST RECORD

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## B CONVENTION HEARS

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 oth humble and reticent. He shrank in dismay before the awful responsibility of being God's voice to his people. At first he refused to face the fact of God's will for his life. However, the fires which God's call lighted upon the altar of his heart continued to burn with increasing intensity. He gave himself in complete abandon to the call of God. When that decision became final, he was solely God's man, whose mind and heart and all were given to learning God's will and word for the people and to proclaim the divine message to them.

On a day not so long thereafter Jeremiah mounted the speakers stand and began to pour out to them the burden of God's desire for their repentance.

## Want Preacher Around

The people were pleased. The public may persecute, the prophets of God but they want to have them around. Regardless of how sinful they are, they feel that God has not forgotten as long as He continues to send His heaven-called preachers to proclaim His word to them.

... Yes, there are lots of poor sinners whose hearts are far from God who comfort themselves in the idea that the presence of a man of God in their midst offers them some security against the wrath of God's judgment upon their sins.

Jeremiah must have been a very eloquent preacher. Great throngs waited upon his ministry. His passionate pleading shook them to the soles of their sandals. He learned, with bitter disappointment, that while they enjoyed his sermons they refused to commit themselves to the call of his message. While they applauded the light they walked in darkness. This terrible experience has broken the hearts of God's preachers from Noah until today. It broke the heart of Jesus.

The resistance of the people against the truth of God led the prophet to renew his effort and intensify his emphasis. He saw clearly a people whose hearts were stubbornly set on merrily going to hell.

When he began to bear down with his pronouncements of the doom of God upon them for their folly, they began to rationalize a justification for their sins and to heckle. He pressed on and they quit going to hear him preach. Remember that they did Jesus that way.

Our text shows us the heart of a distraught preacher on Monday morning after a hard Sunday. In this cry of his soul he is saying that he wishes that he could, in the sight of that nation, dissolve himself into tears, if thereby the spectacle of his compassionate grief for them might awaken their torpid spirits and call them to repentance from their persistent depravity.

## What's The Use?

Then there crept into his soul that chilling question that has voiced itself in the hearts of all God's preachers in such an hour: What is the use? Why should I be burdened to death for the sin and folly of a people who do not care? Why should I waste my life in worrying about their unconcern?

He would not love God less nor would he be less interested in the fate of his nation. For the moment,

he had lost his zest for the battle. He wanted to withdraw from the team, take off his uniform, get himself a seat in the stadium, and watch the other fellow bear the burden of the battle.

What a familiar experience! Every true lover of Christ has known it. In these terrible days through which life is taking us now, alas, there are millions whose hearts have known the love of Christ but who have in a measure let go. They have retired from the conflict and become well-wishing spectators... Jeremiah did not let go. He was faithful through 40 years of persistent frustration and discouragement.

These words from his heart, which mirror to us the struggle within his soul, have become rather a fixed pattern of the picture we see in all our churches. Their balconies are crowded to overflowing with spectators who are unburdened and un-sacrificing well-wishers. Only a few are steadfastly fervent, and they frequently are unappreciated.

## The Pouters' Bench

I can give you a true picture of the balcony in your church. In every one of them there are some Pouters' Benches that are crowded. They have filled up with folks whose feelings have been hurt. Some were not elected to offices they wanted. Others were not asked to sing or to speak or to teach or to do this or that. Some did not get the compliments they expected. Some are mad because the preacher preached the truth of God, and they thought he was trying to embarrass them personally. tired and quit.

We have other pews in our balcony filled with people who have grown tired in service. They were actually in line with the Lord once. They failed to refresh their souls through personal communion with Christ. They neglected to secure the undergirding of a sustaining faith through a continuing renewal of their strength from God, and they got tired and quit.

I remember many years ago in a city where I had but then recently gone to be pastor, we needed a man to lead the men of the church in a challenging program of service. I talked to the brethren and was advised that the church had in its membership a man who was exactly the one we needed. He had a Ph.D. degree. They said that for many years he had been a faithful and devout member of the church and active in many ministries. But for the past two or three years he had completely retired from all activity. He came to church about every other Sunday morning. I asked for some of them to go with me to lay our plea upon his heart. They suggested that it was better that I see him alone. That did not sound good, but I went. Prayerfully, I presented our call for his help. From the very start, I knew I was making progress. However, I pressed on. When I had finished, he said, "I am sorry to disappoint you and the men of the church. I could do the thing you are asking, but I have done my bit for God and have retired."

His words strangely and abnormally affected me. An expression of terrifying fear temporarily registered itself in my countenance. What his words did to me startled him and he exclaimed, "Why do you react like that?"

And I answered, "Suppose that God were to take the same attitude toward you that you have toward Him and his work. You say that you have quit on God; suppose that God were to quit on you?"

For a moment he was jarred. Then he shrugged his shoulders and rather sighed, "I do not suppose I would be around



Shown above is the attractive sign on the highway in front of Midway Church, just outside of Jackson.

here very long, would I?"

But he could not be moved.

Three weeks after that very day and hour, they pushed his body in a casket down the aisle of that church and stopped it in front of the pulpit. He had seemed to have been in perfect health, but they had found him dead in bed the morning of the day before. And this preacher had to try to preach his funeral. I could scarcely think of anything to say, though he was a very prominent man, because I kept hearing, over and over, his words, "I have done my bit for God and have retired."

Oh, my friends, please do not maintain an attitude in life that will embarrass your pastor when he has to conduct your funeral.

## The Part-Timers

Well, we have a lot of groups in the balcony. There are the "Part-Timers," who like to serve the Lord when it is convenient and give a little change when they have a surplus.

Then there are the "Perpetual Loafers." We all know them.

Alas, some of our best people are in the balcony. They come to church pretty frequently on Sunday morning. Quite a few of them tithe. They rather faithfully leave their cards on the doorsteps of the Almighty, but they are absorbed in business, club, and social activities. They are patrons, however, of God. They do not square their social lives with habits consistent with their Christian profession. A lot of these people have been converted but they are a long ways from Christ.

On the afternoon before Christmas I saw throngs of people going in to buy their Christmas liquor. A Salvation Army lass stood at the door with her tambourine. I knew a great many of the people who were going into the store. It was very interesting to observe that the church members put a generous contribution into the Salvation Army lassie's tambourine. They were trying to purchase immunity for their conscience.

The characteristics of Christians with the balcony attitude are strikingly evident and familiar. They are quickest to applaud, first to hiss. They are long on advice and short on assistance. They are clever on excuses and unwilling to labor. They are sit-downers on sacrifice. They are complaining critics who scorn constancy. They are sitters instead of servers; slackers instead of soldiers; faithless instead of fervent.

The lure of the escape complex snares many of us unawares. Without realizing it and still believing that we are faithful unto our Lord, we hunt ourselves a balcony seat in which we are intensely fervent about some things and totally indifferent about others.

Of this kind, there are those who become the special pleaders of a pet doctrine. They become totally blind to all the other vast range of Christian belief and obligation. They largely read only the part of the Bible where they can find the one doctrine that has gripped them.

We find the same thing with respect to those who become absorbed in one field of Christian interest. They exclude the concern their hearts should feel for

other causes.

Others there are who love only one auxiliary of the church. It might be Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, or the Brotherhood. As far as they are concerned that is all there is to the church.

We find a few who substitute conventions, conferences, and resolutions for alert personal service. I well remember years ago a deacon who spent between \$500 and \$750 a year attending conventions and conferences. He did not give one penny to the support of his church or any phase of its program. He made a lot of big speeches for various institutional and missionary causes, but he never himself gave a dime to the support of either. When his attention was called to his inconsistency, his answer was that he invested all the money he had in attending conventions.

Without our knowing it, the devil has led many of us to rationalize for ourselves an escape from a conviction of personal obligation to visit, to teach, to evangelize, to train, to enlist, and to mobilize for Christ.

In some way can it not be true that in some serious respect we are each in the balcony? Somewhere we have excused ourselves from some obligation that the will of Christ would press upon us. Do we not each have a problem about this matter? Is there not for each of us room for deep searching of heart regarding our attitude toward some areas of Christ's will for our lives?

Years ago I brought a message similar to this and when the service was over one of my best deacons said to me, "Pastor, I am on the back seat of the balcony. Tell me how I can come down and how I can have some guide to warn against getting back in it."

## Response Difficult

His question is easy to answer, but the response is difficult for each of us.

If I am not in the balcony my heart has given Christ a first priority. Beginning with my family I am going to try positively to have a Christian home. In my community I am going to commit myself steadfastly to being a Christian citizen. In my social relationships I will be striving to fashion my attitude and relationships by the mind and spirit of Christ. I will be among those who are trying to give full service in all the affairs of the church. I will be a steward of the time that God has given me so that I can travel with Jesus to visit the poor, the aged, sick, sorrowing, and the back-sliders and the sinner.

Yes, if I am not in the balcony, I am going with Christ to seek the 600,000 new members in 1949 for our Sunday schools. I will be busy traveling with him for the Training Union, the Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood. My heart's desire will be to serve him in the support I can give to our Christian institutions. It will be a joyous privilege to tithe and to give my offerings as proof of my partnership with my Saviour. My soul will yearn to win others to Christ, to help positively to make my community Christian, to be obedient unto the heavenly vision for our Baptist work in the fields of state, home and foreign missions.

My prayer daily will be, from the depths of my heart, "God forbid that any man in my community, state, our Southland, and the uttermost parts of the earth shall fail to know of Christ because of my failure."

In my inner soul there should be a longing to discipline myself to adherence to the standards of Jesus for personal life and living. I should sincerely long to be:

"Able to suffer without complaining,  
To be misunderstood without explaining;  
Able to endure without a breaking,  
To be forsaken without forsaking;  
Able to give without receiving,  
To be ignored without grieving;

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**S. B. CONVENTION**

(Continued From Page Eleven)  
 Able to ask without commanding,  
 To love despite misunderstanding;  
 Able to turn to the Lord for guarding,  
 Able to wait for His own rewarding?"

World Same As Jeremiah's

We live in the same kind of a world situation as the one that broke the heart of Jeremiah. We have vastly more to enhearten us than he had. We have the captaincy of Christ available for our sustaining inspiration and strength. Three roads lie before us as Christians as we face life: The road of unregrettable nature whose end in the slimy mire of the swamps sinking into the depths of decaying despair; the road to escape from the obligations of the gospel into the balcony of fruitless wishful thinking; the road over which Christ's faithful soldiers have marched to battle and to victory whenever they have followed him.

What is the one thing that the godless world fears most? What does the communist fear most? What does the crooked politician fear most? What does the beer and liquor crowd fear most? What does the gambler and organized crime fear most? What do the enemies of religion, the home, our sacred freedoms fear most? What do the foes of righteousness and the kingdom of God fear most?

The one thing that most terrifies the hosts of Satan is that one day all those who believe in Christ will wake up, march down out of the balcony, wholeheartedly fall into step with their Saviour and start living out in their lives the faith they have confessed.

When that happens the forces that damn our days will suffer disastrous defeat. Until that occurs we are doomed for more of what has plagued us.

**Surely our God himself is sounding to each of us the call of Joshua's farewell:** "Now therefore fear the Lord and

**31 Added In Belzoni Youth Week Revival**

Shown above is Youth Week group at Belzoni. They are, first row, left to right: Teddy Campbell, Youth pastor; Mary Johnson, James D. Hayes, James Fancher, Bobby Odenwald, Mississippi College Youth Team; Peggy Watts, educational director. Second row: Reginald Bridgers; T. E. Mortimer; chairman of deacons; Bobby Houp, BTU director; Eckford Jones, Janice Barkley, Melite Bain; Edna Earl Brunt; Mary John Taylor. Third row: Betty Hoskins; Barney Loposer; Mark Simmons, Jr.; Louise Gideon; Jack Trippe; Leonard Cohen, Jr.; Rutherford McClintock; Christine Russell; Danny Faye Jones, Sandra Bryan. Not shown in the picture are Billy Pursell, Youth Week Sunday School Superintendent; David Evers; Gene Barkley; Pete Gammons; Dorothy Champion; Bonnie Jean Barham, and Marilyn Hoskins.

serve him in sincerity and in truth; put away the little gods that have compromised and corrupted you; and serve ye the Lord... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Belzoni Church has held a most successful and inspiring Youth Revival April 24-29. The Youth Team from Mississippi College was composed of James Fancher and Bobby

Odenwald, preachers; Mary Lou Johnson, pianist; and James D. Hayes, song leader. The theme used for the week was "Follow Me."

Youth Week began on Sunday morning when the Rev. C. A. Molpus turned the duties of the week over to the youth of the church, with Teddy Campbell, Youth Pastor, presiding at the remainder of the services.

Other officers for the week were Educational Director, Peggy Watts; Sunday School Superintendent, Billy Pursell; Training Union Director, Bobby Houp; Chairman of the Deacons, T. E. Mortimer; Deacons: Leonard Cohn, Jr., Jack Trippe, Eckford Jones, David Evers, Mark Simmons, Jr., Rutherford McClintock, Gene Barkley; Treasurer, Janice Barkley.

Before the services Sunday evening, a chicken-spaghetti supper was held in the church basement for the team members, youth officers, youth committee-men, and adult advisors. The goal of 150 which had been set for Training Union was reached. During the week, a visitation program was carried on by the team members and the young people.

This week was outstanding, not only for the Baptist people, but for the entire community. A splendid spirit was manifested by both the young and the old.

Visible results included 31 additions to the church, 22 on profession of faith.

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**THE BAPTIST STUDENT FOR JUNE** contains an illustrated article by Miss Norma Jean John, a senior in Blue Mountain College, entitled "Leaving My College."

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Yes, sir, that good, old Ridgecrest time has just about come once more. And that means lots of good things for thousands of our people each summer. It is a great trip, and a great program.

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We have a large, comfortable, 37-passenger Greyhound bus going from Jackson for the first Sunday School Week, June 23-29. The bus will leave Jackson in the early morning of June 22 and will return in the late afternoon of June 30.

The round trip fare for transportation is \$20., and we have some places yet available. First come, first served. Write us at once.

### JOIN THE STUDY CLUB

Here is a special plan that has been worked out to help us with our Sunday school Training work. It is the "Sunday School Workers' Study Club."

The idea is to join it and select one or more books to study during the year. A book a month may be studied if desired.

Write your state Sunday School Department for a special folder giving full explanation of this new plan.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The Sunday school and church membership are very closely related. They go up and down together.

About 30 per cent of the baptisms are from the Sunday school; and 35 per cent of our church members come from the 30 per cent of the population that is enrolled in Sunday

school, whereas only 15 per cent of the church members come from the 70 per cent of the population that is not enrolled in Sunday school.

Therefore, it does not take a wise person to see that if we are to win the most people to Christ and to church membership we must reach them for our Sunday schools.

### EQUIPMENT AND EFFICIENCY

The most skilled workman must have the proper tools if his skill is to be reflected in his work.

This is just as true of Sunday school workers—officers and teachers. We have many fine and capable workers but they have in all too many cases very little to work with. It is not unusual to go into a department or class room and find practically nothing in the way of equipment for these leaders to use.

We need to see to it that our officers and teachers have some good tools to work with, and that the right equipment is available. It is poor use of good time to try to have the best Sunday school without the right tools, supplies, and equipment.

And in order to do this properly, there must be careful thought and study of the particular needs of every age group from the Cradle Roll to the Extension.

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### NEW SALEM PLANS HOMECOMING MAY 29

New Salem Church at McCall Creek will have their annual Homecoming Day on May 29. Rev. T. D. Sumrall, Emmanuel Church, Baton Rouge, will bring the morning message.

Dinner will be served on the grounds. A song service is planned for the afternoon, immediately following a short discussion concerning the cemetery.

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### Displaced Person Available As Church Organist

NEW ORLEANS—Word has just been received by the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Representative here that there is an organist among the displaced persons in Europe who is available for immigration under the Displaced Persons law. This person would make an excellent church organist," according to Rev. Fred Schatz, Displaced Persons representative in Europe, who has interviewed this particular D. P.

"In addition to this person, we have at least fifty Baptist men who would be willing to come to the United States as church janitors," Schatz has advised Charles Gage, Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Representative. "Among the thousands of Baptists living in the displaced persons camps, there are a number of nurses, medical technicians, carpenters, bricklayers, woodworkers, cabinet makers, and plumbers," Schatz said.

No church is too small to help resettle at least one displaced persons family. For further information and application blanks, write Charles R. Gage, 801 South Olympia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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### MISSIONARIES ARE PREPARED FOR THE FALL OF SHANGHAI

By Secretary Baker J. Cauthen  
From Dr. Cauthen's monthly Report, written April 30

The fall of Shanghai is now an imminent possibility. Nationalist armies declare they will defend the city strongly, but there seems little evidence of any preparation for a fight. We do not see heavy guns being mounted nor barricades constructed as one would expect to find in a city preparing for all-out defense.

In order to prevent their ships from being attacked or being bottled up in the Whangpoo River, the American Navy has left anchorage in Shanghai and moved to the Yangtze River. The Navy has offered transportation to all Americans who wish to leave. They still have small vessels at Shanghai which can be used to take people to the ships in the Yangtze. Commercial vessels are still available and airlines are making their regular runs.

### Missionaries in Shanghai

Many missionaries representing most of the mission boards at work in China are remaining at their tasks. Southern Baptists have thirty-one missionaries and five children remaining in Shanghai. Some of these people may decide to leave later, but they have no definite plans to do so up to this point.

Missionaries in Shanghai are: Dr. and Mrs. Frank Connely, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Hippis, Dr. Robert F. Rickertson, Rev. W. W. Lawton, Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Nichols and three children, Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Morris, Misses Roberta Pearle Johnson, Irene Jeffers, Harriette King, Martha Franks, Josephine Ward, Thelma Williams, Elizabeth Gray, Inabelle Coleman, Olive Lawton, Kathryn Bigham, Lorene Tilford, Marie Conner, Catherine Walker, Gladys Hopewell, and Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Cauthen and two children. (Editor's Note: Mrs. Glenn Norris was born at Hattiesburg and attended Mississippi Woman's College.)

Due to the fact that the Baptist Compound is just outside a wooden fence built around the city to keep refugees from swarming into Shanghai, and the gate is closed by soldiers from time to time, the schools are carrying on most of their activities inside the city. But a strong nucleus of workers remains on the compound with the missionaries so as to continue activities there and to protect the property.

Emergency provisions have been made within the city to take care of all these people if it should be necessary for them to come in during time of fighting. We stand in greater danger of rioting and looting than we do of actual fighting in the city.

### University of Shanghai Closed

Military authorities have ordered the closing of fifteen universities including the University of Shanghai. The order came only four weeks before the school would normally close.

Seniors will be given examinations and Commencement will be held. Although we regret to see the university close its work before the usual date,

President Henry Lin and the missionaries at the school feel it may turn out to be a blessing in disguise. During times of unusual crisis, it is easy for serious problems to arise on a university campus in China and dismissal of the school at this point will eliminate this danger. Missionaries and a strong group of the Chinese staff will remain on the campus exerting every effort to keep the property free.

### In Communist Territory

As this report is being written the Communist armies have taken Wusih and Soochow and are nearing Kunshan. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jackson and Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, our missionaries in Wusih, are still there. I talked with Miss Blanche Groves by long distance telephone the day before Soochow fell and she told me she, Miss Sophie Lanneau, Miss Ola Lea and Miss Jenell Greer were remaining by their choice. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson are in Kunshan and intend to remain there as the Communists come in.

Rev. Stockwell Sears, Rev. Charles Cowherd and Miss Pearl Johnson are still in Tsingtao where the situation is unchanged. Dr. A. W. Yocom is still in Chengchow and we were able to receive letters from him through the mail until last week when the drive began in the Yangtze valley.

### Hongkong Office Opened

It has become evident that the emergencies prevailing in Central China may shortly extend to South China. Miss Lucy Smith went to Hongkong this week where she will have an office in a location already acquired so as to be able to have funds available to meet any emergencies in the South China area and at the same time be in a position to channel funds to Shanghai through any existing means if communications between this city and America are broken so as to make impossible our getting in funds. Even if channels do not exist for getting funds to Shanghai from Hongkong we could get along for a period until communications could be reestablished. I think there is no need for undue concern on this point. Missionaries have been supplied with funds in advance and ample food secured. Chinese workers have also been provided for.

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### 37 BOYS AT ORPHANAGE NEED RA CAMP EXPENSES

At our Baptist Orphanage there are 37 R. A. boys—27 Juniors and 10 Intermediates—who want to go to Camp Garaywa this summer.

For the past two years sufficient gifts have been sent in so that the R. A.'s could go. These 37 boys are anxious that they be remembered this summer. It will cost nine dollars (\$9) for each Junior and eleven dollars (\$11) for each Intermediate. Contributions must be received in time for June camps.

Send your donation to Mr. W. G. Mize, Superintendent, Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, and state that it is for this purpose.

## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By  
BRACEY CAMPBELL

For May 22, THE LORD'S SUPPER. Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-38; I Cor. 11:23-29.

### I. Making Ready

Mark 14:23-16

The passover of the Jews was at hand" (John 2:13). In this and a number of other passages, the word "passover" means the whole great feast, lasting a whole week. "Where wilt thou that we go and make ready that thou mayest eat the passover?" (Mark 14:12). Here the word means the passover meal, while "On the first day of unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the passover," (Mark 14:12), the word means the passover lamb that was sacrificed.

This was always a prepared feast. There must be some one to see that the passover lamb was sacrificed and the whole meal prepared to be served in an appointed room. Our Lord wanted this last meal with His disciples to pass uninterrupted. In order that Judas might not know the location of the room beforehand, and that His enemies might be kept in ignorance of its location, he made secret arrangements with a friend who undertook to prepare Him a room in which to eat the passover meal.

So He sent Peter and John to prepare the supper without telling them where, but only that they should enter the city and meet a man carrying a water jar on his shoulder. Follow Him and he will lead you to a house whose master will show you a room when you have given him this password: "The Teacher saith unto thee, 'Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?'" They found the room furnished and they prepared the passover meal. So when evening was come, came Jesus and His disciples to the room which none of them knew except Jesus. So they gathered for the last time, the Lord and the twelve.

### II. Meeting

A remarkable meeting that was, to be sure! Of course the dominant central figure was that of the Christ. He dominated every group of which He was a member anywhere. Besides Him there was a little group of men who were to become tremendous factors in shaping a new world-ideal. He and they had been together for some hundreds of days now, but they had come to the end of their association. The traitor was to leave them that he might go to his own place and the Lord was to be taken away from the head of the group, and I make no doubt they all felt something of the impending crisis that was upon them now. I think they knew even before He told them that this was a farewell party.

### III. Movement

(Read John 13:1-11)

When they had reached the supper room and entered it, Jesus took a towel and girded Himself with it, poured water into a basin and washed, one after another, the disciples feet and wiped them with the towel with which He was girded. Then he reclined at the table with them and played host to the little company.

He began one of those table talks for which He has achieved a fame that will outlast the very hills. In the midst of this talk He told them that one of them would betray Him. He indicated to John the identity of the traitor, and the traitor at a sign from Him went out into the night. I think he went before the institution of the Supper.

### IV. Meaning

What is the significance of the Supper? What does the partaking of the Supper do to the participant? My an-

## ELLISVILLE HAS YOUTH WEEK APRIL 24 - MAY 1



swer is, nothing in any sacramental sense. It says something very beautiful and significant. Of course, the bread He used was bread, nothing more; the wine He used was wine, nothing more. "Take ye; this is my body." Jesus spoke in Aramaic, the Hebrew of His day, and we are told that, in that language there is no word that means, 'Signifies,' 'symbolizes,' 'denotes'—hence the Hebrews of our Lord's day, using a figure of speech, said, 'It is,' for 'It signifies.' His disciples could not have understood Him to mean that the bread was literally His flesh, since He sat with them there in His flesh and blood. What, then, does the Supper say.

1. A new covenant. "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" (I Cor. 11:25). "This is my blood of the covenant" (Mark 14:24). In the ancient days, a covenant was made valid by the shedding of blood. The custom was universal. When you become partaker of that blood, you become partaker of the atonement which it established, the pardon it secured, the life in Christ, raised from the grave and glorified in heaven.

2. A pledge of reunion. "I shall no more drink of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God" (Mark 14:25). In these words He says 'farewell,' but to brighten the gloom of the leave-taking, He promises to meet them in the kingdom of God.

3. A communion with Christ. "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ?" (I Cor. 10:15). Let His spirit speak to mine, His will graciously and compellingly, on mine, as my soul feeds upon the bread of life and my spirit drinks of the cup of His. My communion is with Him and no one else.

4. A Prophecy. "Ye proclaim the Lord's death till He come" (I Cor. 11:26). He is coming back. Rejoice! All ye who love Him!

5. A Monument. "This do in remembrance of me" (I Cor. 11:25). This is the monument most enduring that has ever been erected. It has outlasted hundreds of monuments made of stone, and will endure as long as the Lord shall delay His coming. It is more precious than gold, much fine gold, for it is built of the offered life of Jesus. It is more eloquent than angels trumpet-tongued. It speaks to all the world.

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## 40 & 25 Years Ago

By Rev. J. L. Boyd, Sr.  
A CORRECTION

In the third issue of April, this column, the reference to the Merigold Church revival, should read: "The Merigold Church has just passed through 'one of the greatest and most successful revivals' in which Dr. Harry L. Martin of Indianola assisted pastor J. E. Kinsey. Thirty-five additions to the Baptist Church and four to the Methodist Church. W. W. Gilbert, reporting.

### 40 YEARS AGO

The Foreign Mission Board announced the appointment of eleven new missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. T. F. McRea and Rev. J. F. Ray, of Mississippi among the number.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Mississippi Baptists gave during the five years ending with 1904 a total of \$60,624.08 to Foreign Missions and \$27,010.23 to Home Missions; and during the five years ending with 1924 they gave a total of \$566,158.63 to Foreign Missions and \$354,527.57 to Home Missions. The latter period was during the \$75,000,000 Campaign.

The First Baptist Church, Jackson, had a "celebration in breaking ground for their new building" to cost \$300,000 besides the ground and furnishings. Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor.

Pastor H. W. Shirley did the preaching in a "very successful revival meeting" in the Philadelphia Church, with Rev. W. W. Grafton leading the singing. J. E. Jolly reporting.

## DREW PROVES ITS LOYALTY

### Generous To All Specials

Drew Baptist Church, Dr. W. S. Hardin, pastor is a good example of church loyalty to our Baptist Institutions.

The Church is increasing its Cooperative Program gifts annually and in addition, under the leadership of Dr. Hardin, the church has made a worthy offering to all the specials for our institutions.

Aside from annual increased gifts to the Cooperative Program, Drew Baptist Church contributed to Mississippi Baptist Hospital, \$650; Blue Mountain Endowment, \$1,019; Baptist Orphanage, \$1,063; Mississippi College Enlargement, \$1,671; W. M. U. Camp Garaywa, \$505; Clark Memorial College, \$1,079; and Mississippi Woman's College, \$1,069.

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### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

May 23—Miss Lois Tyler, Bookkeeper, Baptist Building; H. A. Scott, Walhall Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

May 24—All State Junior G. A. Camp; Rev. Joe Abrams, Nokubee Associational BTU Director.

May 25—Mrs. Wirt Carpenter, Starkville, Blue Mountain College trustee; Jim Clarke, Boys' Counselor, Baptist Orphanage.

May 26—E. C. Lane, Madison County Brotherhood President; Rev. Harry P. Dayton, Clarke College faculty.

May 27—Mrs. I. L. Toler, Gloster, W. M. U. Chairman, District VIII; Rev. M. D. Morton, Copiah County, Convention Board member.

May 28—Rev. E. G. Edwards, McComb, Woman's College trustee; Prof. E. N. Elzey, Mississippi College faculty.

May 29—Dr. W. E. Greene, president, Mississippi Baptist Convention.

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LATEST REPORTS FROM DR. M. C. Dodd indicate that he is much improved after a serious heart attack.

MARY SHELLEY PALMER, NINE year old daughter of Rev. Clarence Palmer, Chalybeate, was elected as a messenger of the Chalybeate Church to the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma.

THE PEOPLE OF CALVARY Church, Winston County, will dedicate their new church the third Sunday of July. There will be a full day's program, with dinner on the grounds. Everybody is invited to come and see it, and to stay for dinner.

REV. C. C. WEAVER, DEKALB PASTOR, taught the Book of Hebrews at the Immanuel Church in New Hobo County May 1-6. He is a former pastor of DeKalb and helped in the organization of the church.

SOUTHWIDE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM receipts for April were \$598,587, a new high. Total Cooperative Program receipts for 1949 through April are \$2,194,310, compared with \$1,998,673 for the same period in 1948. Of this amount, Mississippi sent a total of \$53,829; \$32,160 was for the Cooperative Program and \$21,669 was designated.

REV. CLARENCE PALMER, PASTOR of Chalybeate and Providence churches in Tippah County and Canaan Church in Benton Association, reports that from March 28-April 29 three revivals, three Sunday School Study courses and two Vacation Bible Schools were held in those churches.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST HANDBOOK, 1949, is off the press and should be in the hands of every Baptist leader and it will be helpful to any Baptist. Edited by Porter Routh, Secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board. The Handbook contains the following sections: The Survey Bulletin for 1948; The Baptist Population; The Christian Population; The General Population; Southern Baptist Ministers; Southern Baptist Historical Table. It is filled with the kind of information that Baptists often need. The price is \$1.50 and orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

WILLIAM FLEMING HAS BEEN elected chairman of the Texas Baptist Foundation.

REV. LEONARD D. BAIRD HAS RESIGNED his duties as pastor of the church at Tillatoba in Yallabusha Association, effective May 22, to accept the full-time work at Courtland in Panola Association.

DR. B. B. HILBUN, PASTOR OF Greensburg, Kentucky, and formerly pastor of Florence Second Avenue in Laurel, Highland in Meridian and Pontotoc, reports 41 additions in a recent revival in his church, in which Dr. Robert E. Humphreys, First Church, Owenton, Ky., did the preaching and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McGrew, Campbellsville College, had charge of the music.

MISSOURI BAPTISTS HAVE ELECTED Milton F. Morales as Executive Secretary of their Foundation. Missouri Baptists have also voted to set up their own press when they move to Jefferson City around June 1.

DR. M. E. DODD HAS IMPROVED sufficiently to be moved by air from Florida to Shreveport. J. C. Wilkinson is in an Athens, Georgia, hospital after a serious accident. A. D. Foreman has resigned as pastor of the First Church, Amarillo, because of his health.

**THE AIRWAVES PROCLAIM CHRIST** (\$3) consists of 15 sermons which were preached over the Lutheran Hour by Author Walter A. Maier. Such messages as "Begin Life Again with Jesus," "Jesus Christ in Your Home," "The Sure Guide to Glory," and many others will revive your faith and give you renewed courage. Orders should be sent to the Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Missouri.

AT THE RECENT STATE RETREAT for BSU officers held at the First Church, Jackson, resolutions were adopted thanking the BSU of Millsaps College for serving as host and to the First Church, Jackson, and the pastor, Dr. W. Douglass Hudgins for the use of the building as a meeting place for the retreat.

WHEN SENATOR J. MELVILLE Broughton of North Carolina went to Washington last January to begin his career in the United States Senate, he united with the First Baptist Church on his first Sunday in the city, and began teaching a men's Bible class on the second Sunday. The class adopted his name, and in two months he had built up a class of 75 men. When he died suddenly early in March, the future of this new class seemed uncertain. Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of the church, now reports that three of Senator Broughton's colleagues and three other prominent Washington Baptists have consented to assume the teaching responsibilities for the Broughton Class. The new teacher is Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, and the five associate teachers are: Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee; Senator A. Willis Robertson of Virginia; Dr. J. M. Dawson, formerly of Waco, Texas; Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; and Bill Henry, Washington correspondent of the Los Angeles Times of California. One wonders if any Sunday School Class in the world has such a distinguished roster of teachers.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD REGRETS that a package of material for this issue mailed from Jackson to the Baptist Record printers in Vicksburg was lost en route. The package contained the following articles which could not be duplicated for this issue but which will appear soon: Belzoni Church Thanks Mrs. C. B. Box, Blue Mountain Literary Groups Elect Officers, and Montrose Electors 273 in VBS May 2-6.

REV. CHESTER M. SALVAGE, LIBERTY—The preaching in a revival May 5-11 at the First Church, Leakesville. Their pastor, Dr. Kenneth R. Grant, led the singing. There were 15 professions of faith. Morning services held at 7 a. m. had an average of 117 for the morning services during the week.

REV. F. H. MILLER HAS RECENTLY accepted the pastorate of Friendship Church at Porterville and has moved on the church field. He is also serving at Center Ridge Church near Porterville.

THE GOSPEL OF THE KING (\$1.50) breathes a deep devotional spirit, as do the other works of Author F. B. Meyers. The book is a selection of choice Gospel messages, offered for the instruction, inspiration, and edification of Christian people. Order should be sent to the publisher: Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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DR. A. DONALD BELL

Dr. A. Donald Bell, Professor of Psychology and Director of Public Relations at Mississippi College of Clinton, was graduate with the Doctor of Religious Education degree on May 6. He was graduated with highest honors from the School of Education of Southwestern Theological Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas. He has been a member of the faculty and staff of Mississippi College since last fall, and was previously Dean of the Baptist Foundation of Southern Illinois University.

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AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: Louis Malcom Hutson, Newton; Rev. Dodds Douglas, Southwestern Seminary; Rev. Marvin Sanders, Brookhaven; Rev. C. H. Hughes, Louin; Mrs. G. L. Bass, Vicksburg; Mrs. J. E. Kirkland, Jackson; Rev. Don Land, Anding; Rev. Holmes Carlisle, Wesson; Rev. W. J. Hughes, Clinton; Rev. John E. Gore, Drew; Rev. O. C. Chance, Tylertown; Rev. and Mrs. Marlin Miller, McCool; Rev. Ralph V. Calcote, Wesson; Rev. Lamar O. Ball, Leakesville; Rev. Gene Walley, Clinton; Rev. Charles Buxh, Clinton; Rev. Jim Shanahan.

REV. ROBERT W. MARTIN, WM. F. Garner, and Guy Reedy helped the Missionary Joseph W. Oliver present the work of the Sunday School Superintendent at the Panola County School Superintendents' Clinic in Batesville May 2-4.

TWENTY ATTENDED THE YALO-busha County Vacation Bible School Clinic at Water Valley, May 5. Rev. L. J. Crumby and Mrs. C. C. Pate presented the work of the Vacation Bible School, assisting Joseph W. Oliver, missionary.

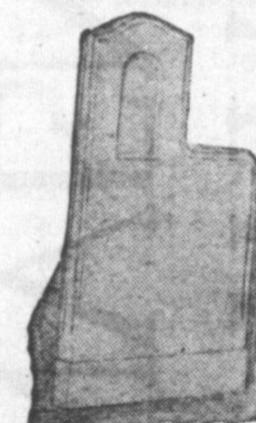
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2:00—Junior Hymn Playing  
2:15—Junior Memory Work Drill  
2:30—Small Ensembles  
2:45—Six Graded Conferences  
4:00—"Let All the People Sing"  
4:15—Special Feature!  
4:45—Human Interest Stories  
5:00—Offering, Awards, Appointment of Committees

## SCHEDULE

### WHEN AND WHERE WE MEET

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7—Holly Springs      17—East McComb  
8—1st Tupelo      20—D'Lo  
9—Aberdeen      21—Bowmar Ave., Vicksburg  
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13—Quitman      23—1st Greenville  
14—Leakesville      24—Clarksdale  
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### YOUTH SESSION

- 7:00—"Let All the People Sing"  
7:15—Intermediate Hymn Playing  
7:30—Intermediate Sword Drill  
7:45—Large Ensemble  
8:05—Young People's Speaking  
8:25—Report of Committees  
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8:40—Adjournment

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